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A Super Welcome!

Welcome to the Sonic comic universe -- a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Where Sonic the Hedgehog and friends will rush you into non-stop fun and amazing adventures!

WHAT UP SONIC FANS?

Sonic the Hedgehog here to welcome you to the first issue of SONIC SUPER DIGEST! We've got stories, games, special features and tons of tailor-made surprises just for you!

This issue, my best gal pals in the world, Amy Rose and Sally Acorn, take center stage right alongside my genius best bro, Tails the Fox! Check out the true first appearance of Mecha Sally and learn how an unsure, younger and inexperienced Amy took her first steps into becoming a full-fledged Freedom Fighter! Meanwhile, Eggman gets an unexpected appearance from the Werehog, and Metal Sonic returns to try and make things hot!

All this and more in SONIC SUPER DIGEST: Episode One! Gotta buzz, cuz!

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This issue's **Super Spotlight** is dedicated to Sonic and his femme fatale teammates: **Amy Rose the Hedgehog** and **Princess Sally Acorn!**

You couldn't ask for two better gal-pals to fight beside our spiny blue hero! But ask any fan which gal's his best girl and watch out: that's when sparks start to fly!

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SONIC COLORS

THANK YOU FOR USING THE ORBITAL ELEVATOR SERVICE! WELCOME TO THE JOYOUS AND NOT-AT-ALL SINISTER ...EGGMAN'S INCREDIBLE INTERSTELLAR AMUSEMENT PARK!

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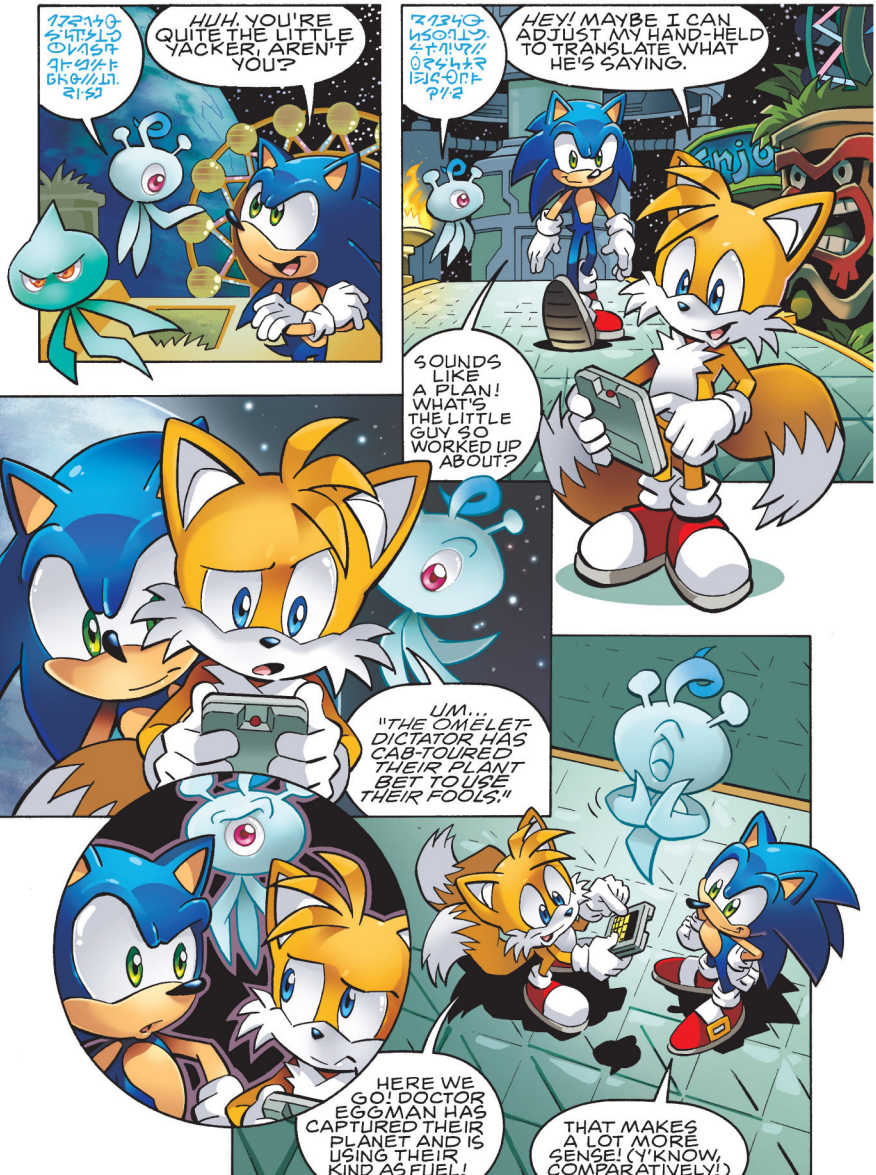
HYA! GIT ALONG, LI'L ALIEN VARMINTS!
WE REALLY MUST FIX THAT VOICE CHIP OF YOURS.
HEY, NOW! I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO THESE LITTLE GUYS, BUT--
--HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON?
WHOA! OKAY, LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN--

--DO!
I BELIEVE THE EXPRESSION IS: "DISCRETION IS THE BETTER PART OF VALOR."
MEANING ...?
AS YOU MIGHT PUT IT: WE'LL GIT OUTTA DODGE, PARDNER!!!
THAT WAS AWESOME, LITTLE DUDE! HOW DID WE DO THAT?


HUH. YOU'RE QUITE THE LITTLE YACKER, AREN'T YOU?
HEY! MAYBE I CAN ADJUST MY HAND-HELD TO TRANSLATE WHAT HE'S SAYING.
SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN! WHAT'S THE LITTLE GUY SO WORKED UP ABOUT?
UM... "THE OMELET-DICTATOR HAS CAB-TOURED THEIR PLANT BET TO USE THEIR FOOLS."
HERE WE GO! DOCTOR EGGMAN HAS CAPTURED THEIR PLANET AND IS USING THEIR KIND AS FUEL!
THAT MAKES A LOT MORE SENSE! (Y'KNOW, COMPARATIVELY!)

DON'T YOU WORRY, LITTLE TALKATIVE GHOSTLY-ALIEN GUY!
HIS NAME IS YACKER. HE'S A WISP.
DON'T YOU WORRY, YACKER THE WISP! I'LL SAVE YOUR PLANET AND YOUR FRIENDS!
AND I CAN COUNT ON YOU GUYS TO LEND A HAND WITH YOUR COOL POWERS, RIGHT?
THEN LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!
NOW YOU CAN PLAY THE REST OF THE ADVENTURE WITH SONIC COLORS ON YOUR WII AND NINTENDO DS!
SONIC COLORS
Wii
SONIC COLORS
nintendo DS.

IN ANOTHER TIME...
IN ANOTHER PLACE...
CURSE YOU, HEDGEHOG! YOU'VE MADE MINCEMEAT OF MY SPACE ARMADA!
SONIC UNLEASHED!
CALL IT A HOBBY. YOU'RE DONE, DOC. CALL IT QUITS WHILE YOU'RE BEHIND.
SONIC SUPER DIGEST
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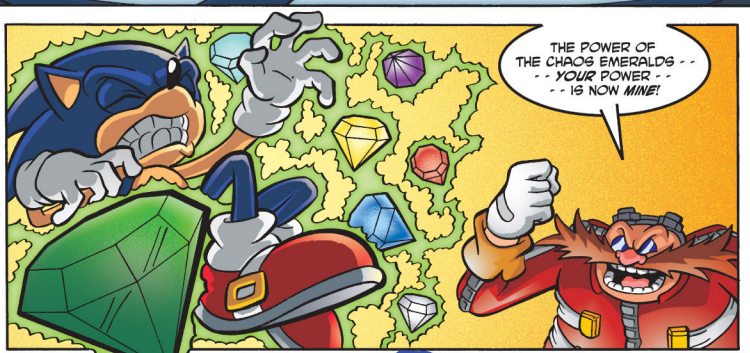
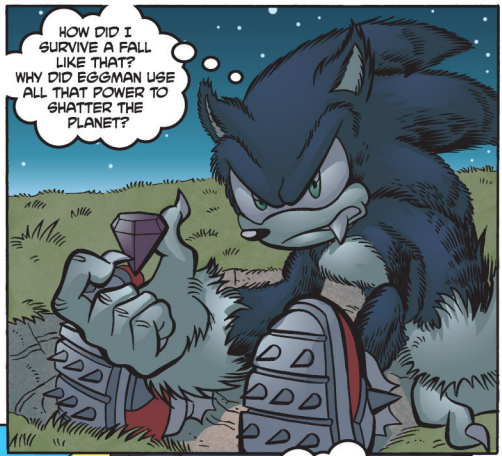
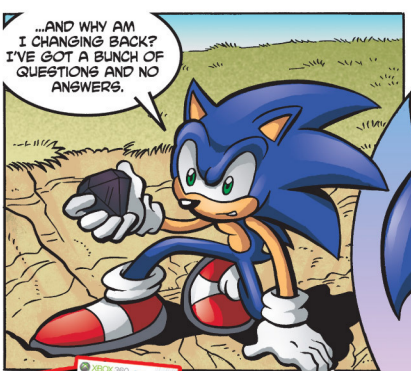
I KNOW WHEN I'M BEAT...
I'LL PASS ON THE OBVIOUS PUN. SEE YOU NEXT SCHEME!
...AND IT'S NOT NOW!
WAH HA HA HA!
WHAT THE ...?
YOU FELL FOR MY ELABORATE TRAP!


THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS - - - - *YOUR* POWER - - - - IS NOW *MINE*!

MAGNIFICENT! FULLY CHARGED... FIRE!
NOW WITH THE WORLD SHATTERED, IT WILL BE UNLEASHED! HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT... SONIC?

GRRRAAAAAAAAH!
WELL THAT WAS UNEXPECTED! G-GET OUT OF HERE!
AND YOU CAN TAKE THOSE WORTHLESS DRAINED CHAOS EMERALDS WITH YOU!





A WORLD IN PIECES AND OUR HERO TRANSFORMED! GET ALL OF SONIC'S ANSWERS YOURSELF IN "SONIC UNLEASHED" FOR YOUR NINTENDO WII / SONY PLAYSTATION 2 OR 3 / MICROSOFT XBOX 360!

EVERYBODY VS DR. ROBOTNIK!

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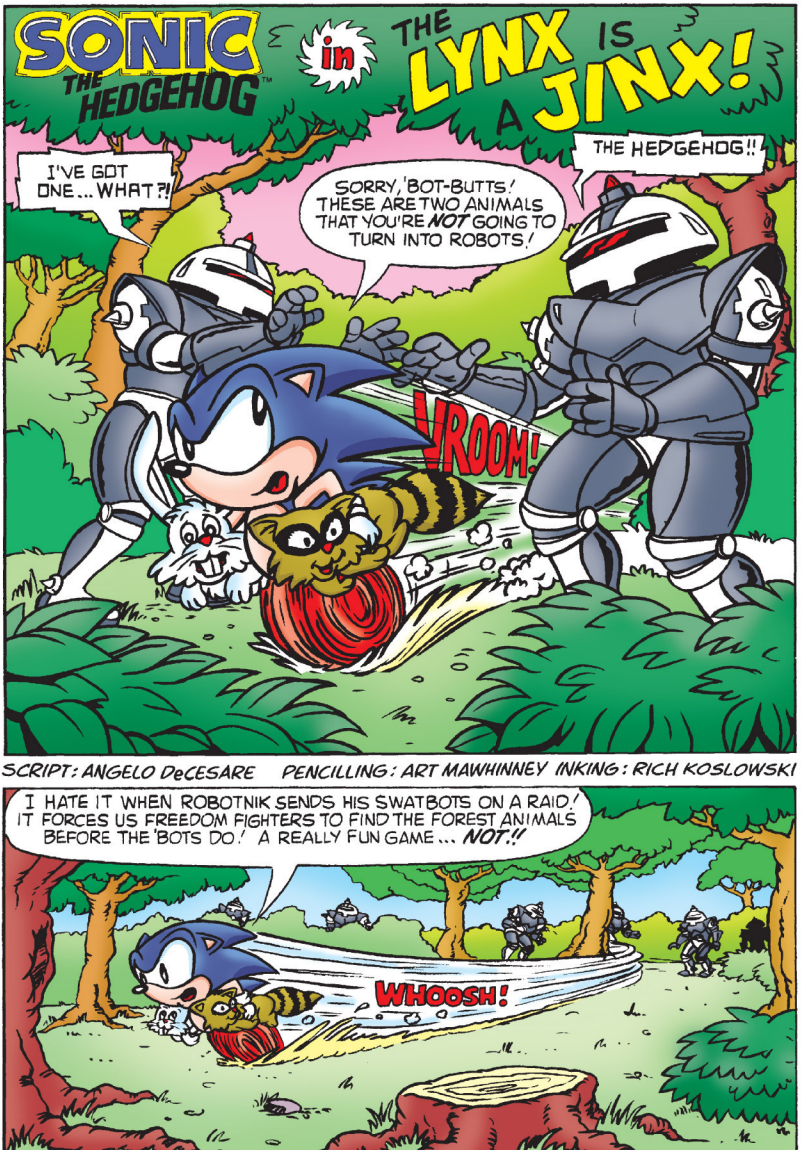
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
in
THE LYNX IS A JINX!
I'VE GOT ONE... WHAT?!
SORRY, 'BOT-BUTTS! THESE ARE TWO ANIMALS THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TURN INTO ROBOTS!
THE HEDGEHOG!!
VROOM!

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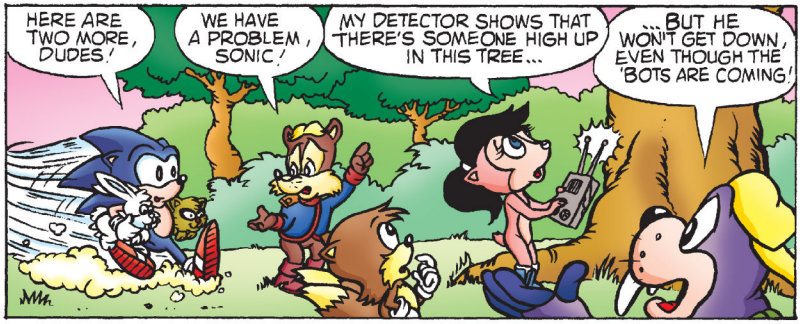
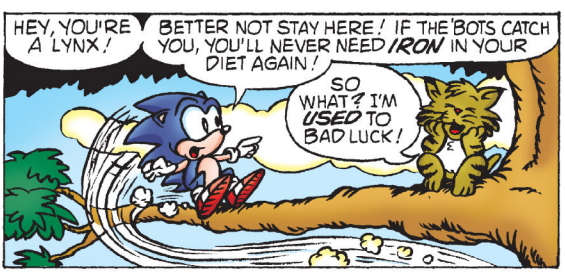
I HATE IT WHEN ROBOTNIK SENDS HIS SWATBOTS ON A RAID! IT FORCES US FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO FIND THE FOREST ANIMALS BEFORE THE 'BOTS DO! A REALLY FUN GAME... NOT!!
WHOOSH!


HERE ARE TWO MORE, DUDES!
WE HAVE A PROBLEM, SONIC!
MY DETECTOR SHOWS THAT THERE'S SOMEONE HIGH UP IN THIS TREE...
...BUT HE WON'T GET DOWN, EVEN THOUGH THE 'BOTS ARE COMING!

NO PROBLEM! I'LL GET TO HIM WITH "TREE-MENDOUS" SPEED!
ZOOM!


HEY, YOU'RE A LYNX!
BETTER NOT STAY HERE! IF THE 'BOTS CATCH YOU, YOU'LL NEVER NEED IRON IN YOUR DIET AGAIN!
SO WHAT? I'M USED TO BAD LUCK!

I'M LARRY LYNX--SUPER JINX! I BRING MISFORTUNE TO EVERYONE I COME IN CONTACT WITH!
THAT'S RIDICULOUS! YOU'RE COMING BACK TO KNOTHOLE WITH US AND...WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
CRACK!

THE TREE BRANCH JUST BROKE OFF!
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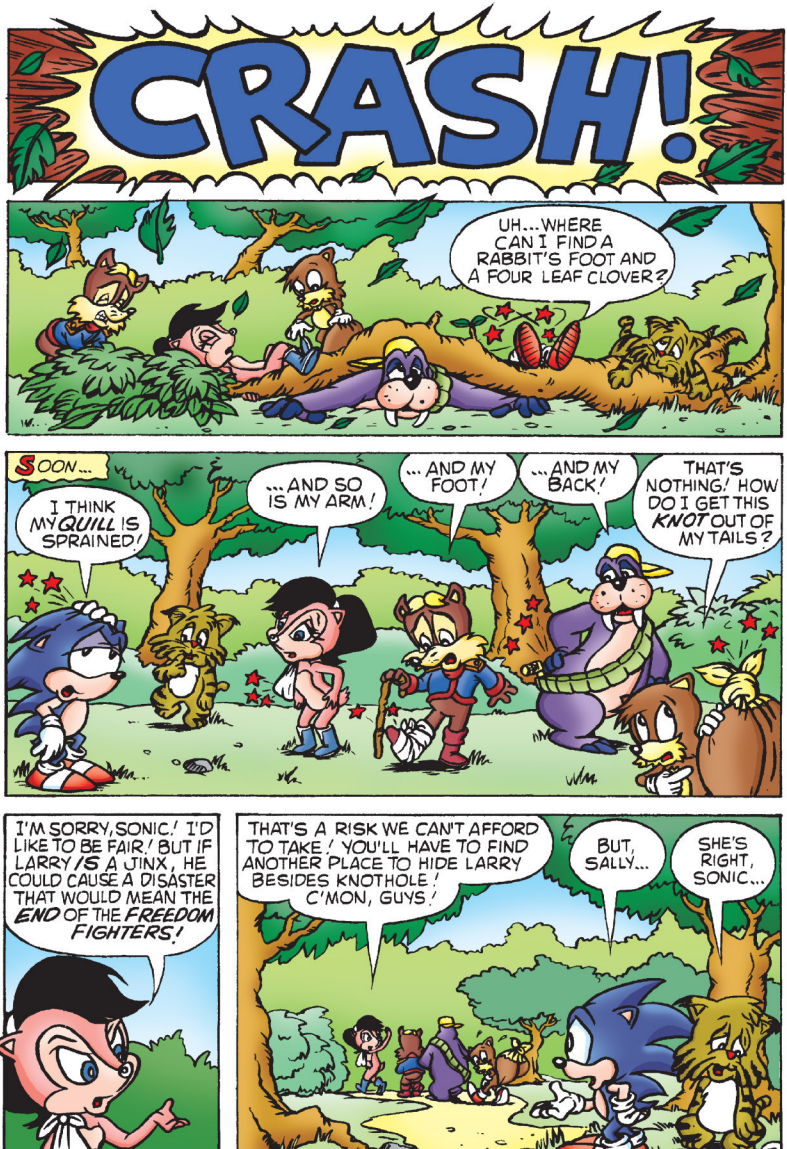
CRASH!
UH...WHERE CAN I FIND A RABBIT'S FOOT AND A FOUR LEAF CLOVER?
SOON...
I THINK MY QUILL IS SPRAINED!
...AND SO IS MY ARM!
... AND MY FOOT!
...AND MY BACK!
THAT'S NOTHING! HOW DO I GET THIS KNOT OUT OF MY TAILS?
I'M SORRY, SONIC! I'D LIKE TO BE FAIR! BUT IF LARRY IS A JINX, HE COULD CAUSE A DISASTER THAT WOULD MEAN THE END OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
THAT'S A RISK WE CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE! YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER PLACE TO HIDE LARRY BESIDES KNOTHOLE! C'MON, GUYS!
BUT, SALLY...
SHE'S RIGHT, SONIC...
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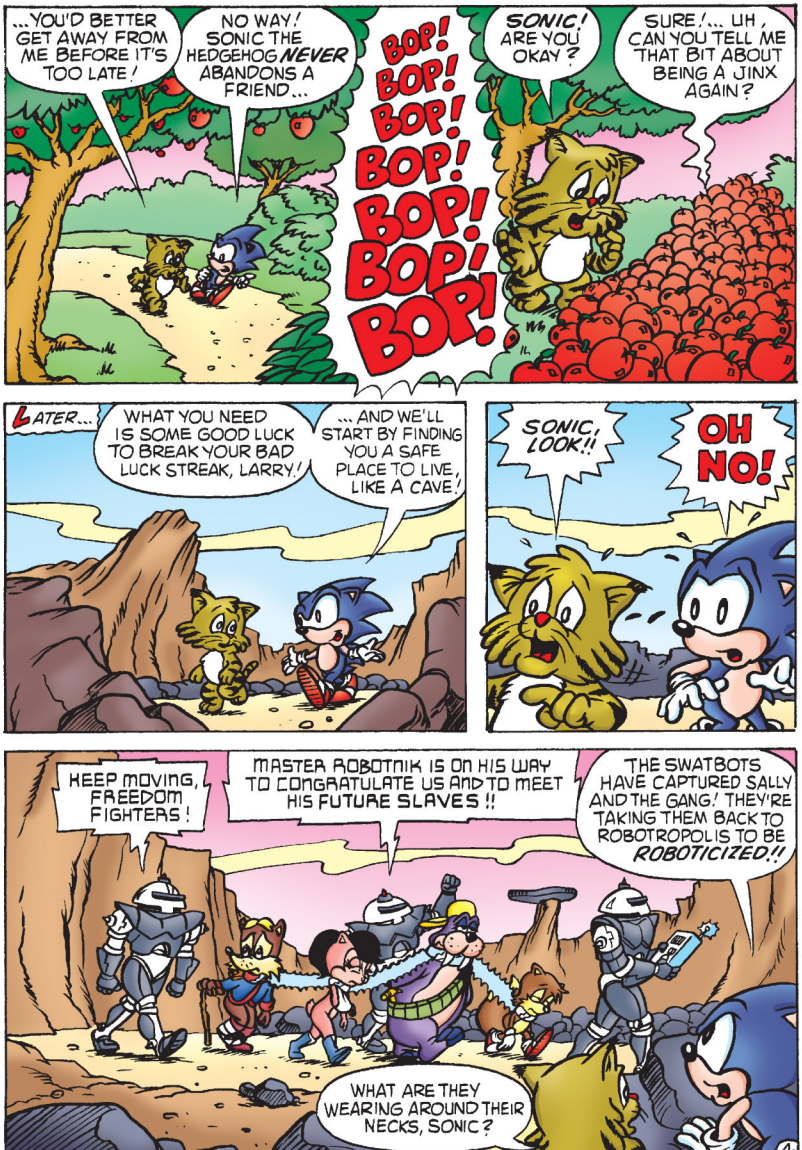
...YOU'D BETTER GET AWAY FROM ME BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!
NO WAY! SONIC THE HEDGEHOG NEVER ABANDONS A FRIEND...
BOP! BOP! BOP! BOP! BOP! BOP! BOP!
SONIC! ARE YOU OKAY?
SURE!... UH, CAN YOU TELL ME THAT BIT ABOUT BEING A JINX AGAIN?
LATER...
WHAT YOU NEED IS SOME GOOD LUCK TO BREAK YOUR BAD LUCK STREAK, LARRY!
... AND WE'LL START BY FINDING YOU A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE, LIKE A CAVE!
SONIC, LOOK!!
OH NO!
KEEP MOVING, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
MASTER ROBOTNIK IS ON HIS WAY TO CONGRATULATE US AND TO MEET HIS FUTURE SLAVES!!
THE SWATBOTS HAVE CAPTURED SALLY AND THE GANG! THEY'RE TAKING THEM BACK TO ROBOTROPOLIS TO BE ROBOTICIZED!!
WHAT ARE THEY WEARING AROUND THEIR NECKS, SONIC?
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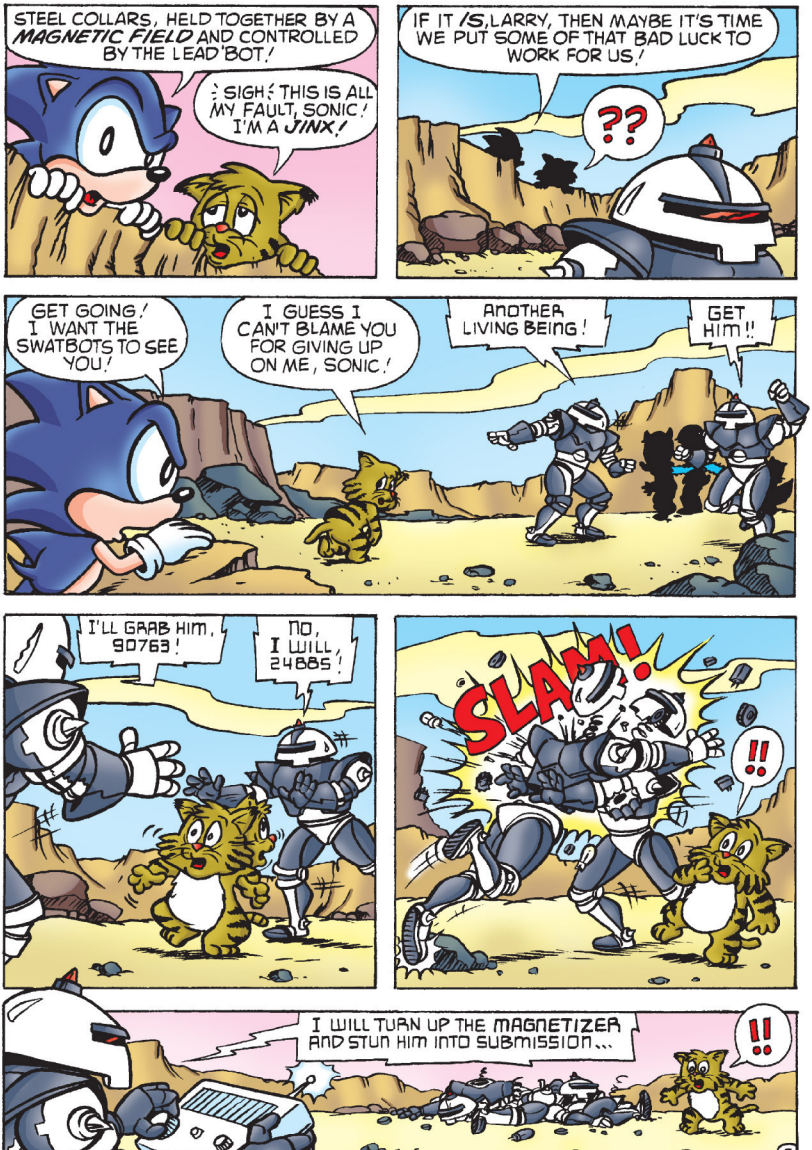
STEEL COLLARS, HELD TOGETHER BY A MAGNETIC FIELD AND CONTROLLED BY THE LEAD 'BOT.!
SIGH.! THIS IS ALL MY FAULT, SONIC! I'M A JINX.!
IF IT /S, LARRY, THEN MAYBE IT'S TIME WE PUT SOME OF THAT BAD LUCK TO WORK FOR US.!
??
GET GOING.! I WANT THE SWATBOTS TO SEE YOU.!
I GUESS I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR GIVING UP ON ME, SONIC.!
ANOTHER LIVING BEING.!
GET HIM.!!
I'LL GRAB HIM, 90763.!
NO, I WILL, 24885.!
SLAM.!
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I WILL TURN UP THE MAGNETIZER AND STUN HIM INTO SUBMISSION...
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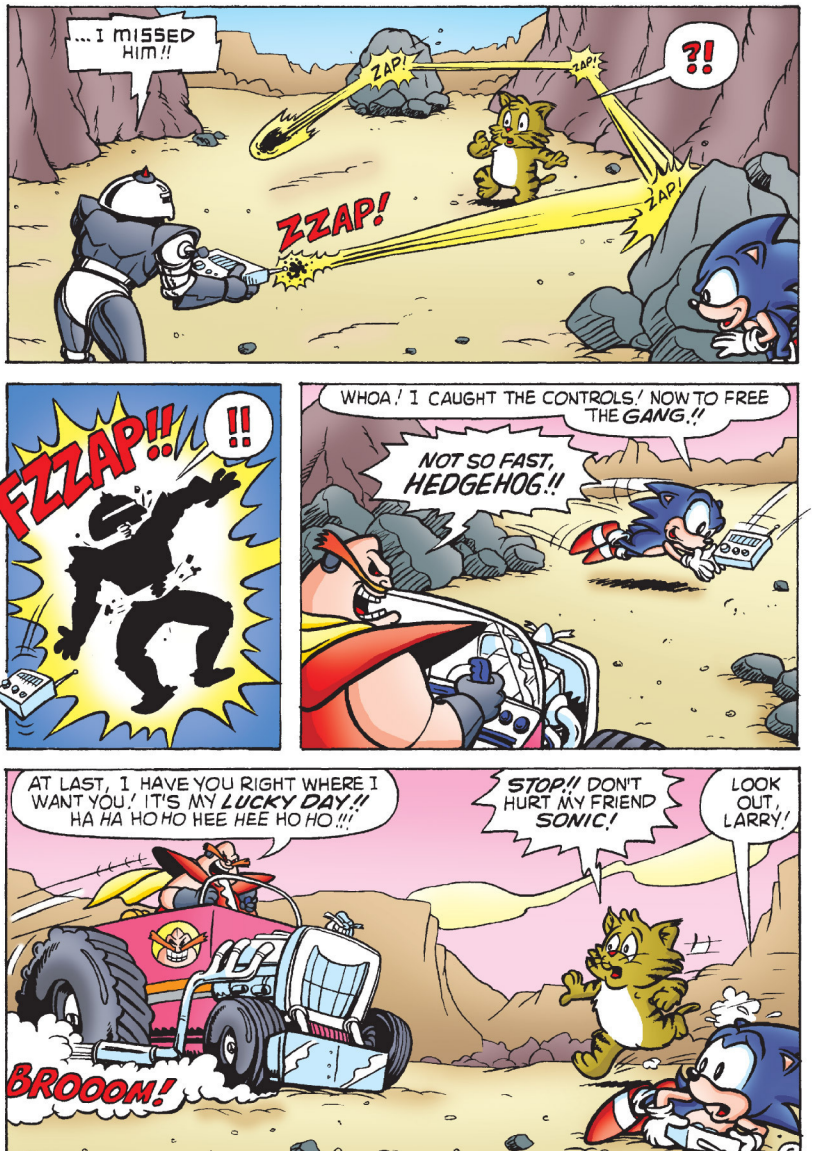
...I MISSED HIM!!
ZAP!
ZAP!
ZAP!
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ZZAP!
FZZAP!!
!!
WHOA! I CAUGHT THE CONTROLS! NOW TO FREE THE GANG.!!
NOT SO FAST, HEDGEHOG!!
AT LAST, I HAVE YOU RIGHT WHERE I WANT YOU! IT'S MY LUCKY DAY!! HA HA HO HO HEE HEE HO HO!!!
STOP!! DON'T HURT MY FRIEND SONIC!
LOOK OUT, LARRY!
BROOOM!
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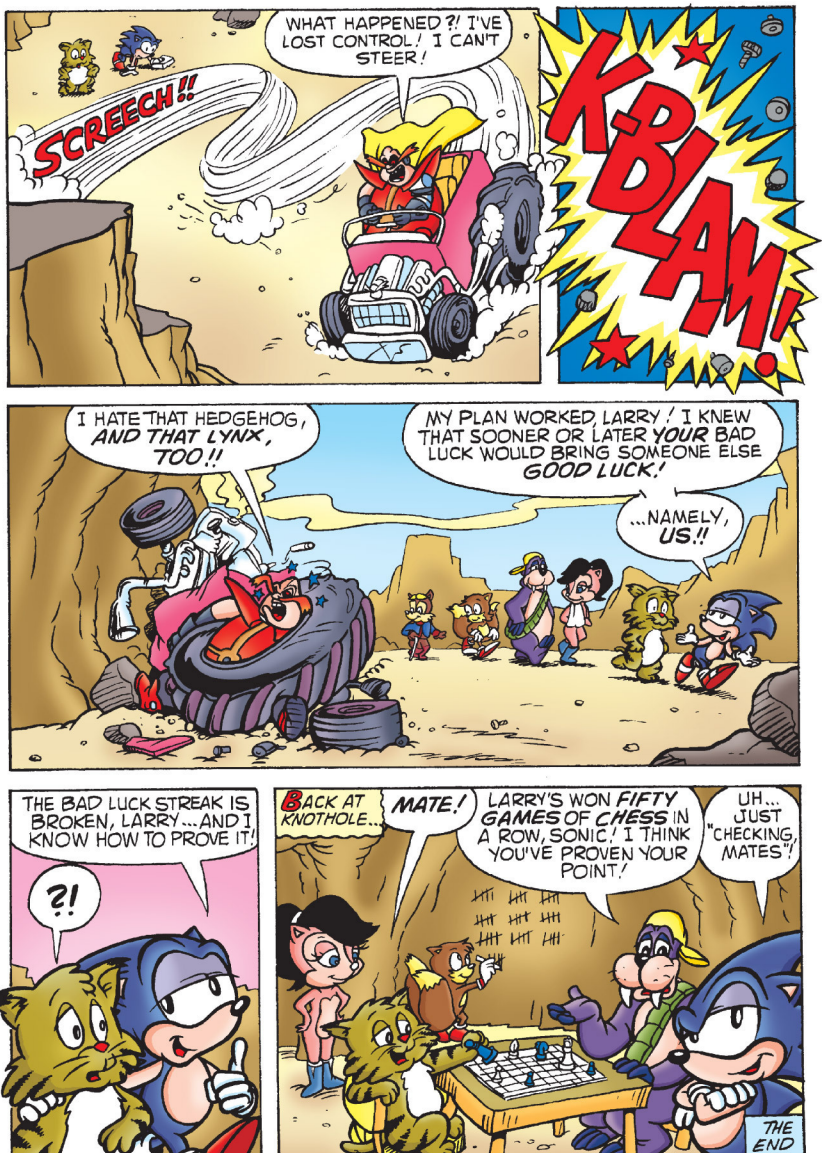
WHAT HAPPENED?! I'VE LOST CONTROL! I CAN'T STEER!
SCREECH!!
K-BLAM!
I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG, AND THAT LYNX, TOO!!
MY PLAN WORKED, LARRY! I KNEW THAT SOONER OR LATER YOUR BAD LUCK WOULD BRING SOMEONE ELSE GOOD LUCK!
...NAMELY, US!!
THE BAD LUCK STREAK IS BROKEN, LARRY... AND I KNOW HOW TO PROVE IT!
?!
BACK AT KNOTHOLE...
MATE!
LARRY'S WON FIFTY GAMES OF CHESS IN A ROW, SONIC! I THINK YOU'VE PROVEN YOUR POINT!
UH... JUST "CHECKING, MATES"!
THE END

MEET LARRY LYNX

Supreme Super-Jinx!

Hi, Sonic fans! I'm **Larry Lynx**, AKA **Agent Joker**! Currently, I'm a member of the **Secret Freedom Fighters**, an organization of super-spies dedicated to protecting the **Kingdom of Acorn**!

The Secret Freedom Fighters consist of seven members: myself, Director Who (**Harvey Who** -- a wise owl who knows everything!), King (**Elias Acorn** -- the true ruler of New Mobotropolis), Ace (**Silver the Hedgehog** -- a time traveling hero), Jack (**Shard** -- the original **Metal Sonic** reformed, and my best buddy!), and the Queens of Diamonds and Hearts (**Leeta and Lyco Wolf** -- twin agents of the Wolf Pack tribe).

I used to be sad all the time because bad luck would follow me wherever I went, but my buddy **Sonic the Hedgehog** showed me that I could use my handicap to help others out and make a difference! Director Who and Shard say I have low-self esteem. I think being a part of something and making a difference helps to improve that!

You can read more about our crusade to stop **King Ixis Naugus** in **Sonic the Hedgehog #238-241** and **Sonic Universe #41-44**. Until then, I hope you enjoyed this story with Sonic, featuring my very first appearance! Take care everybody and see you later!

LARRY LYNX

SECRET FREEDOM FIGHTER CHECKLIST:

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BONUS SPIN!

Did you know that the **SECRET FREEDOM FIGHTERS** story arc ran in not one, but TWO Sonic comic series?? Three covers featuring **Sonic, Amy,** and **Tails** -- the members of **Team Fighters** -- were digitally painted for the story! Collect every issues of this storyline with this handy-dandy checklist! And hey, if you collected them all, write in and let us know so we can give you a super sonic virtual high-five!

PROFESSOR PICKLE'S NATURE NOTEBOOK

Welcome to Sonic's universe -- a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Where **Professor Dillon Pickle** is the world's authority on practically everything! Hailing from the Universities of Shamar and Spagonia, he and his dour assistant **Cucumber** travel the world in search of "the perfect sandwich" -- bringing wisdom, tales of adventure and plenty of mustard to anyone willing (or silly enough) to listen!

Today's Lecture: THE HEDGEHOG!

Nature's Preposterous Pincushion!

Pickle: Cucumber! Cucumber, look! On his shoulder! Just... LOOK at it. So much cuteness! *My stars!*

Cucumber: Sir, we're here to talk about **hedgehogs**, not wax poetic on how "cuddly-wuddly" and "icky-foo-foo-num-nums"... that... that... Oh my goodness, these animals are **absolutely adorable!**

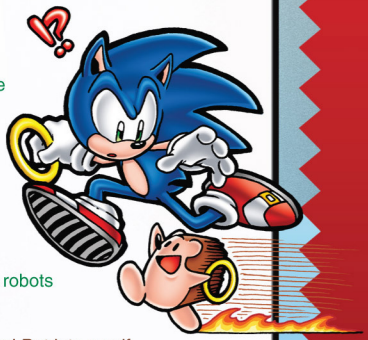
Pickle: I want to gently place it in a basket and love and care for it forever and ever until the end of time.

Cucumber: Hello, Sonic fans! Today we're going to discuss the flagship animal of the Sonic franchise: the hedgehog! Hedgehogs are the namesake of John Montague, the 4th Earl of Sandwi-- wait... ***Okay, seriously?!*** *Sir, where are my notes?!*

Pickle: Those are your notes, Cucumber. ***I made them better.***

Cucumber: You... wait, what?! No... Just... ***Sir, this behavior is highly irregular!!!***

Pickle: Cucumber, lighten up! We're here to teach ***and*** have fun, remember? Now, those marvelous, roly-poly balls of spiky loving you see in the picture above are called hedgehogs! Hedgehogs are easily recognized by their spines, which are hollow hairs made very stiff with a substance called **keratin**. Unlike the porcupine, their quills cannot be easily removed!



Cucumber: Interesting. So... how do they defend themselves if their quills don't shoot out? They're so tiny and vulnerable. Any number of predators could just gobble them up!

Pickle: Ah, but there lies the brilliance of the hedgehog! You see, they roll into tiny, compact balls and anything that tries eating them gets a mouthful of sharp spines!

Cucumber: That's how **Sonic the Hedgehog**, Hero of Mobius, defeats **Dr. Eggman's** horde of **badniks**! Though, how a hedgehog can plow through solid titanium robots at Mach 10, I'll *never* understand...

Pickle: The world of Mobius is a fantastic place, Cucumber! But lets see if you've done your homework before we wrap up today's lecture. Have you ever heard of "**The Hedgehog's Dilemma**"?

Cucumber: Actually, I have! It's a story where a group of hedgehogs want to go very fast, but they have to stay slow or else they'll hurt each other with their pointy spines! Though the hedgehogs all want to go as fast as possible, they can't happen simply because of what they are! A famous head-doctor named **Sigmund Freud** used this tale, **"The Hedgehog's Dilemma,"** to describe how groups of people act around each other!

Despite meaning well, one person can't react to another person without harming everybody involved! It's very interesting. Especially since Sonic is said to have his own group of potential would-be girlfriends constantly running after him...

Pickle: Yes! A princess, a headstrong freedom fighter... at one point a singing mongoose! ***steely glare*** ***So when are you getting yourself a girlfriend, Cucumber?!***

Cucumber: *AHEM!!! And on that note, I have suddenly concluded that we have to take leave! See you next issue, kids!

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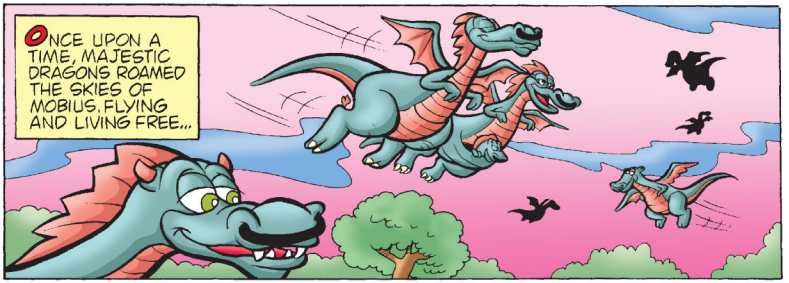
CLASSIC SONIC ADVENTURES!

Can Sonic and company save Sally... *and* themselves from Mecha Sally MARK 1?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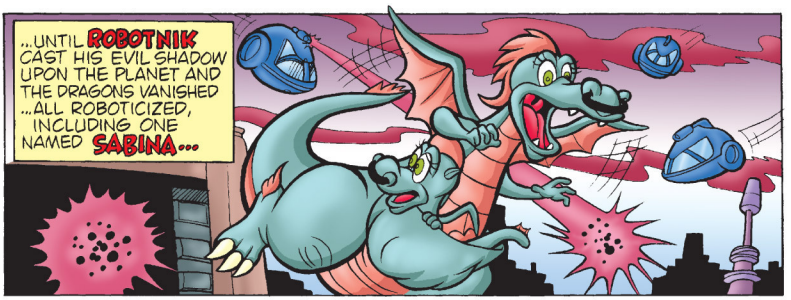
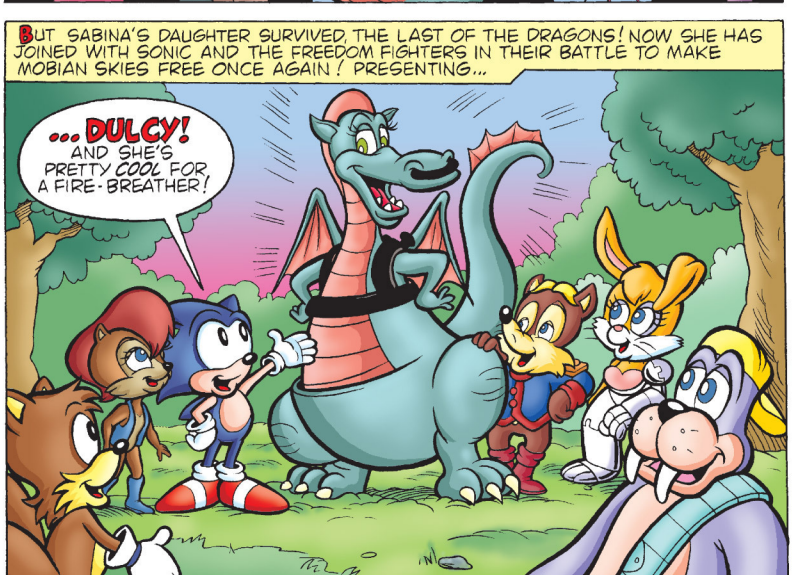

...UNTIL ROBOTNIK CAST HIS EVIL SHADOW UPON THE PLANET AND THE DRAGONS VANISHED ...ALL ROBOTICIZED, INCLUDING ONE NAMED SABINA...


BUT SABINA'S DAUGHTER SURVIVED, THE LAST OF THE DRAGONS! NOW SHE HAS JOINED WITH SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN THEIR BATTLE TO MAKE MOBIAN SKIES FREE ONCE AGAIN! PRESENTING...
...DULCY! AND SHE'S PRETTY COOL FOR A FIRE-BREATHER!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
in
STEEL-BELTED Sally
PART ONE
THAT HOVERCRAFT IS A PLANE IN THE NECK, DULCY! WE'VE GOTTA GET IT OFF YOUR TAIL!
BLAM!
I KNOW WHAT TO DO, SONIC! HANG ON! ONE...TWO...THREE...
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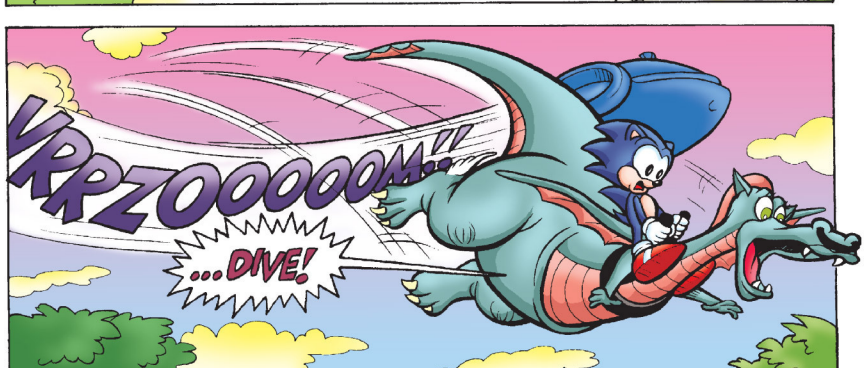
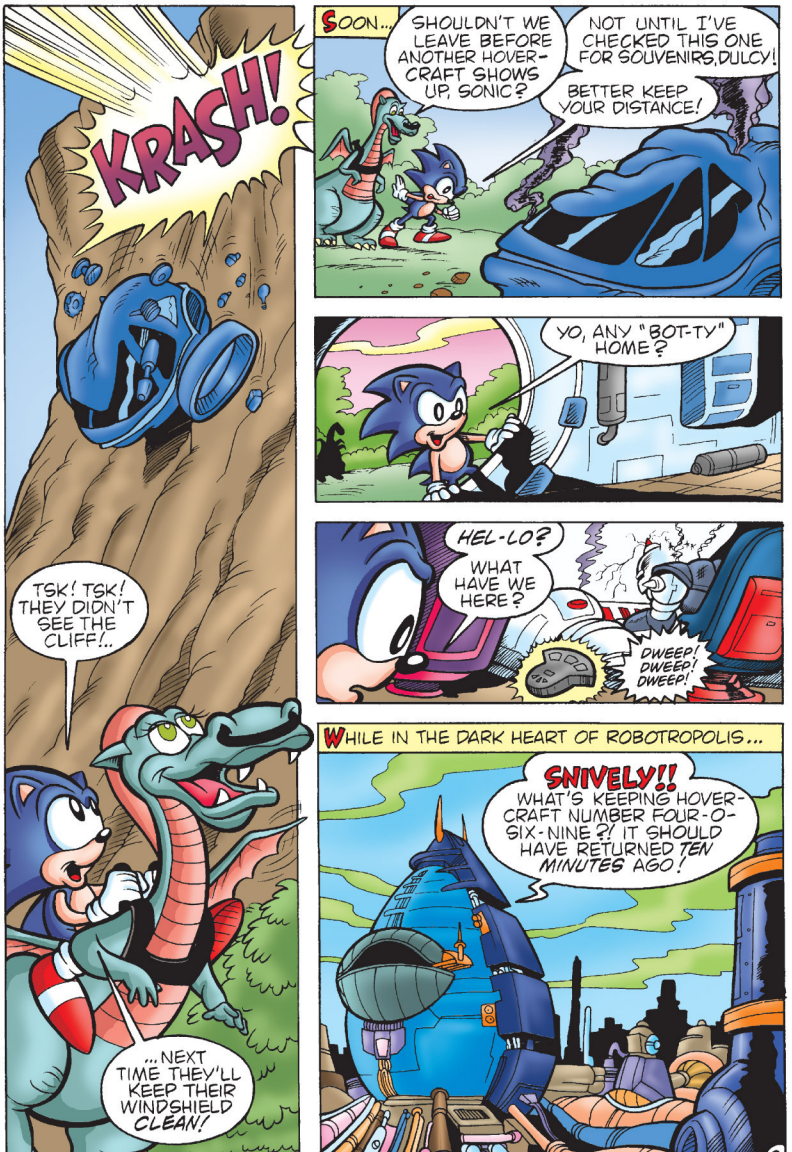

VRRZOOOOOM!!!
...DIVE!


KRASH!
TSK! TSK! THEY DIDN'T SEE THE CLIFF!..
...NEXT TIME THEY'LL KEEP THEIR WINDSHIELD CLEAN!
SOON...
SHOULDN'T WE LEAVE BEFORE ANOTHER HOVER-CRAFT SHOWS UP, SONIC?
NOT UNTIL I'VE CHECKED THIS ONE FOR SOUVENIRS, DULCY!
BETTER KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!
YO, ANY "BOT-TY" HOME?
HEL-LO?
WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
DWEEP! DWEEP! DWEEP!
WHILE IN THE DARK HEART OF ROBOTROPOLIS...
SNIVELY!!
WHAT'S KEEPING HOVER-CRAFT NUMBER FOUR-O-SIX-NINE?! IT SHOULD HAVE RETURNED TEN MINUTES AGO!
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IT... IT APPEARS TO HAVE CRASHED, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK!
WHAT?!! THAT CRAFT WAS CARRYING A PORTABLE DE-ROBOTICIZER!
NOT TO MENTION MY SUPPLY OF "SUPER-SHINE" HEAD POLISH!
IF THAT DEVICE FALLS INTO THE WRONG HANDS, IT COULD HAVE GRAVE CONSEQUENCES... ESPECIALLY FOR YOU!
ACTIVATE THE SELF-DESTRUCT MECHANISM AND BLOW THE CRAFT UP, SNIVELY... NOW!!
Y-Y-YES, SIR!
BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!
UH-OH!
HMMMM
SOMETHING TELLS ME I'D BETTER JUICE!
DESTRUCT ACTIVATED
SEE YOU LATER, DETONATOR!
LET'S GET THIS TOY BACK TO KNOTHOLE AND HAVE ROTOR LOOK IT OVER, DULCY!
BA-DOOM!!
VVRROOOM!
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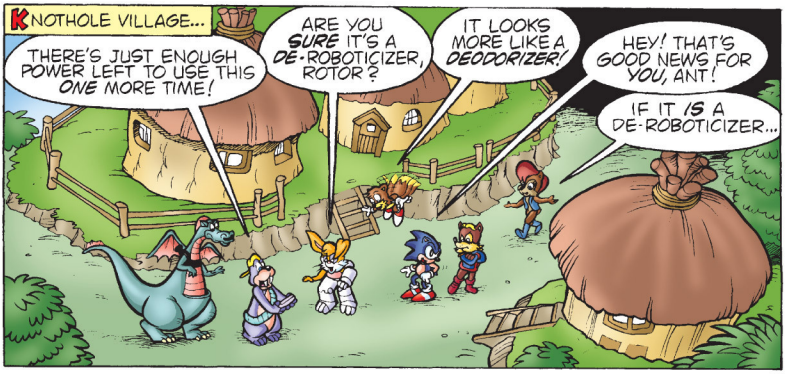
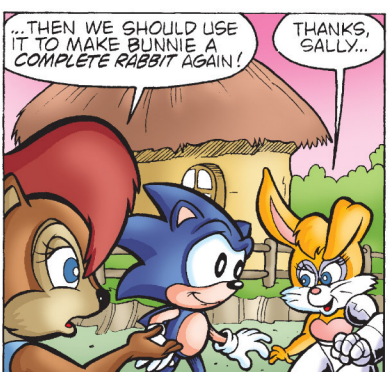
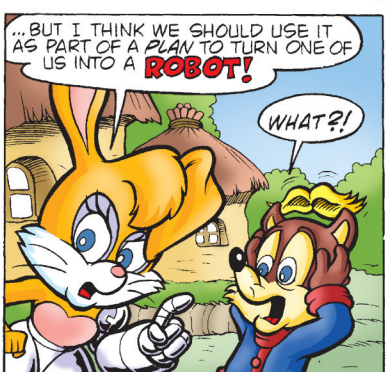
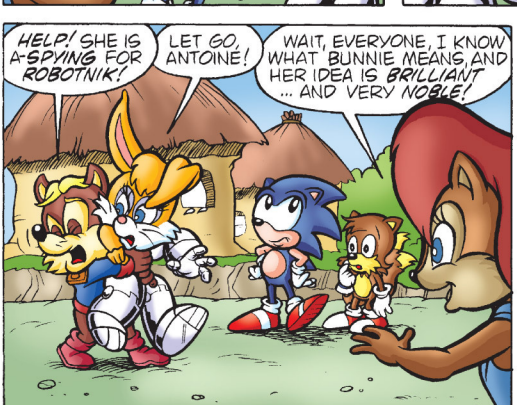
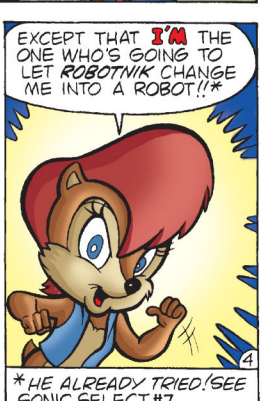

KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...
THERE'S JUST ENOUGH POWER LEFT TO USE THIS ONE MORE TIME!
ARE YOU SURE IT'S A DE-ROBOTICIZER, ROTOR?
IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A DEODORIZER!
HEY! THAT'S GOOD NEWS FOR YOU, ANT!
IF IT IS A DE-ROBOTICIZER...


...THEN WE SHOULD USE IT TO MAKE BUNNIE A COMPLETE RABBIT AGAIN!
THANKS, SALLY...


...BUT I THINK WE SHOULD USE IT AS PART OF A PLAN TO TURN ONE OF US INTO A ROBOT!
WHAT?!


HELP! SHE IS A-SPYING FOR ROBOTNIK!
LET GO, ANTOINE!
WAIT, EVERYONE, I KNOW WHAT BUNNIE MEANS, AND HER IDEA IS BRILLIANT ... AND VERY NOBLE!


EXCEPT THAT I'M THE ONE WHO'S GOING TO LET ROBOTNIK CHANGE ME INTO A ROBOT!!*
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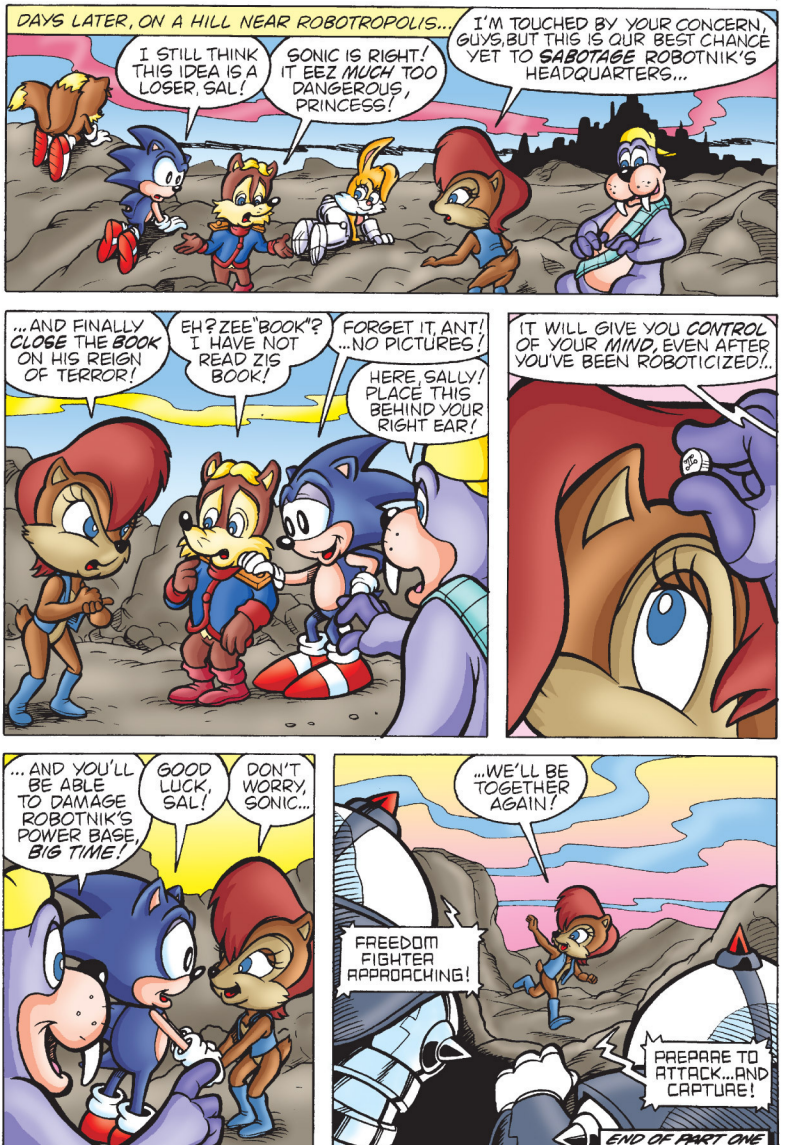
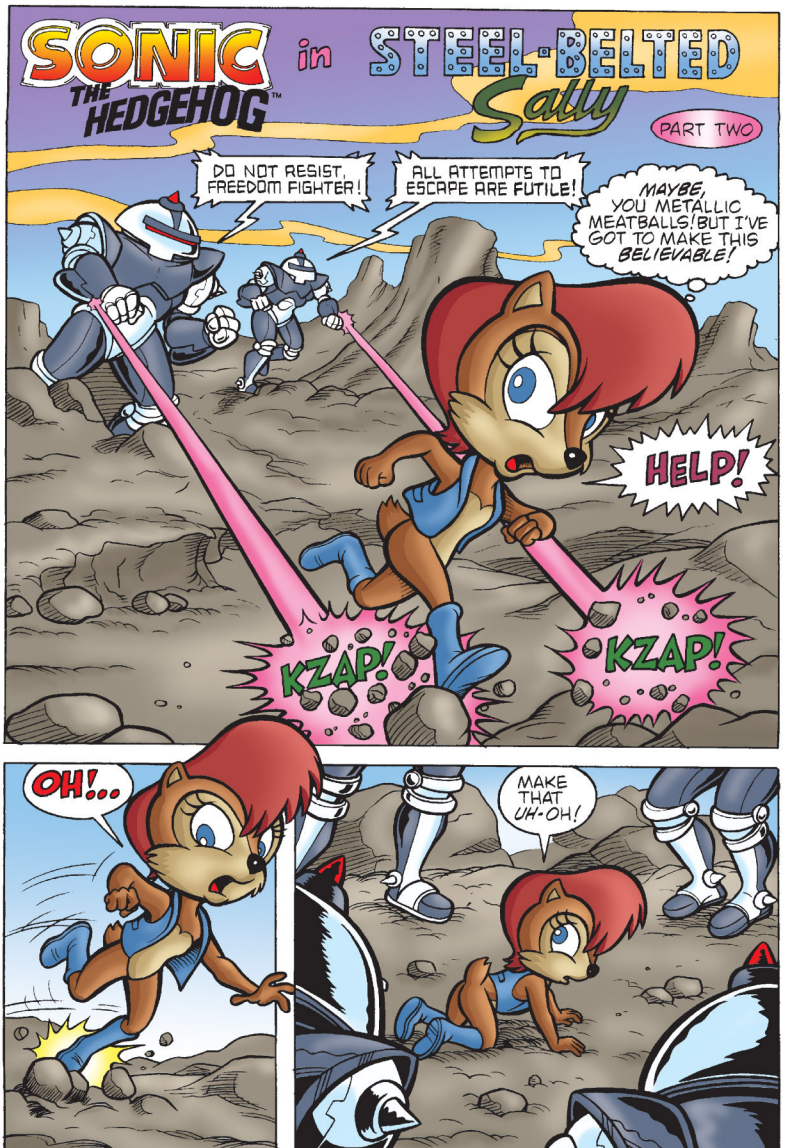
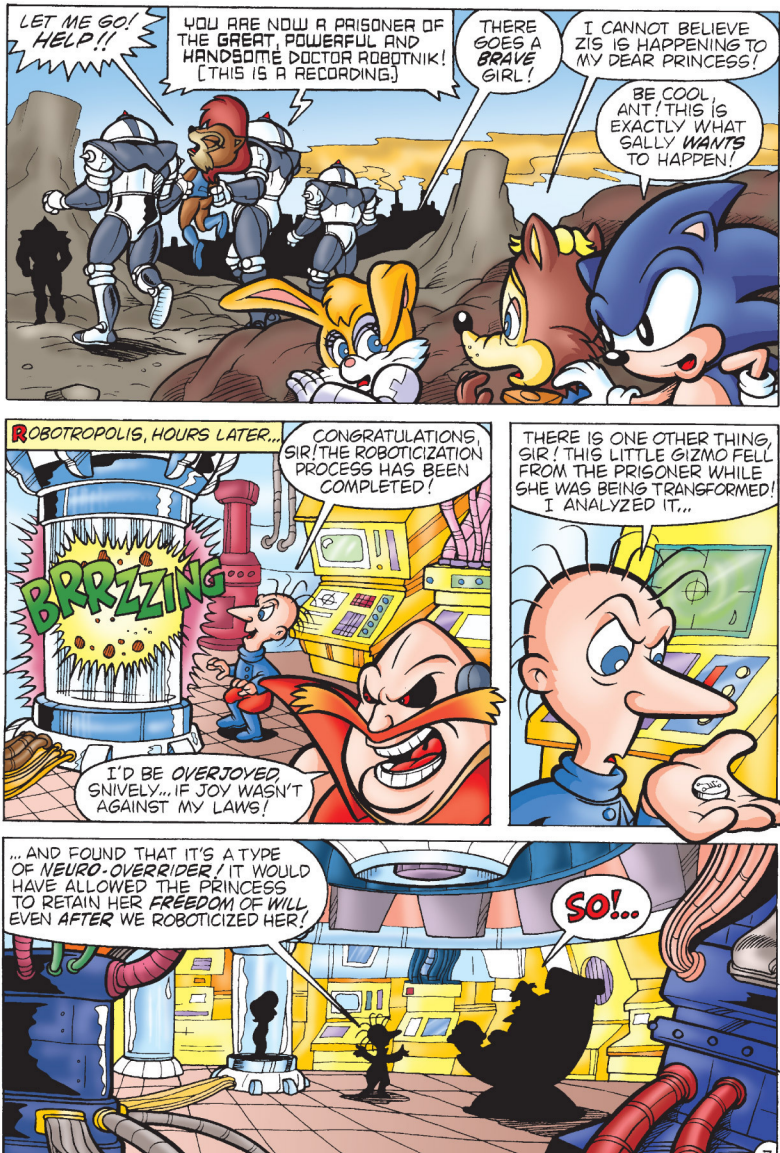
*HE ALREADY TRIED! SEE SONIC SELECT #7 — Editor


DAYS LATER, ON A HILL NEAR ROBOTROPOLIS...
I STILL THINK THIS IDEA IS A LOSER, SAL!
SONIC IS RIGHT! IT EEZ MUCH TOO DANGEROUS, PRINCESS!
I'M TOUCHED BY YOUR CONCERN, GUYS, BUT THIS IS OUR BEST CHANCE YET TO SABOTAGE ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS...
...AND FINALLY CLOSE THE BOOK ON HIS REIGN OF TERROR!
EH? ZEE "BOOK"? I HAVE NOT READ ZIS BOOK!
FORGET IT, ANT! ...NO PICTURES!
HERE, SALLY! PLACE THIS BEHIND YOUR RIGHT EAR!
IT WILL GIVE YOU CONTROL OF YOUR MIND, EVEN AFTER YOU'VE BEEN ROBOTICIZED!..
...AND YOU'LL BE ABLE TO DAMAGE ROBOTNIK'S POWER BASE, BIG TIME!
GOOD LUCK, SAL!
DON'T WORRY, SONIC...
...WE'LL BE TOGETHER AGAIN!
FREEDOM FIGHTER APPROACHING!
PREPARE TO ATTACK...AND CAPTURE!
END OF PART ONE


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ in STEEL-BELTED Sally
PART TWO
DO NOT RESIST, FREEDOM FIGHTER!
ALL ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE ARE FUTILE!
MAYBE, YOU METALLIC MEATBALLS! BUT I'VE GOT TO MAKE THIS BELIEVABLE!
HELP!
KZAP!
KZAP!
OH!...
MAKE THAT UH-OH!


LET ME GO! HELP!!
YOU ARE NOW A PRISONER OF THE GREAT, POWERFUL AND HANDSOME DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! [THIS IS A RECORDING.]
THERE GOES A BRAVE GIRL!
I CANNOT BELIEVE ZIS IS HAPPENING TO MY DEAR PRINCESS!
BE COOL, ANT! THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT SALLY WANTS TO HAPPEN!
ROBOTROPOLIS, HOURS LATER...
CONGRATULATIONS, SIR! THE ROBOTICIZATION PROCESS HAS BEEN COMPLETED!
BRRZZING
I'D BE OVERJOYED, SNIVELY... IF JOY WASN'T AGAINST MY LAWS!
THERE IS ONE OTHER THING, SIR! THIS LITTLE GIZMO FELL FROM THE PRISONER WHILE SHE WAS BEING TRANSFORMED! I ANALYZED IT...
... AND FOUND THAT IT'S A TYPE OF NEURO-OVERRIDER! IT WOULD HAVE ALLOWED THE PRINCESS TO RETAIN HER FREEDOM OF WILL EVEN AFTER WE ROBOTICIZED HER!
SO!..
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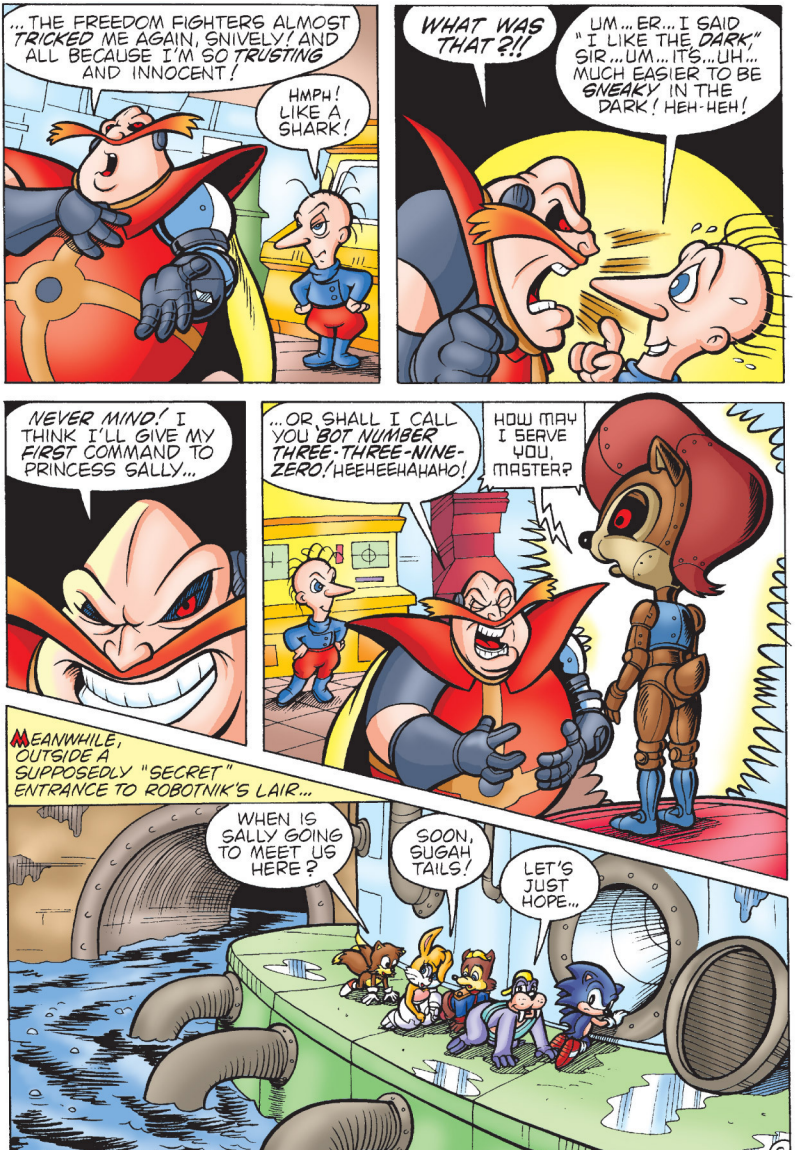
...THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ALMOST TRICKED ME AGAIN, SNIVELY! AND ALL BECAUSE I'M SO TRUSTING AND INNOCENT!
HMPH! LIKE A SHARK!
WHAT WAS THAT?!!
UM... ER... I SAID "I LIKE THE DARK," SIR... UM... IT'S... UH... MUCH EASIER TO BE SNEAKY IN THE DARK! HEH-HEH!
NEVER MIND! I THINK I'LL GIVE MY FIRST COMMAND TO PRINCESS SALLY...
...OR SHALL I CALL YOU BOT NUMBER THREE-THREE-NINE-ZERO! HEEHEEHAHAHO!
HOW MAY I SERVE YOU, MASTER?
MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE A SUPPOSEDLY "SECRET" ENTRANCE TO ROBOTNIK'S LAIR...
WHEN IS SALLY GOING TO MEET US HERE?
SOON, SUGAH TAILS!
LET'S JUST HOPE...
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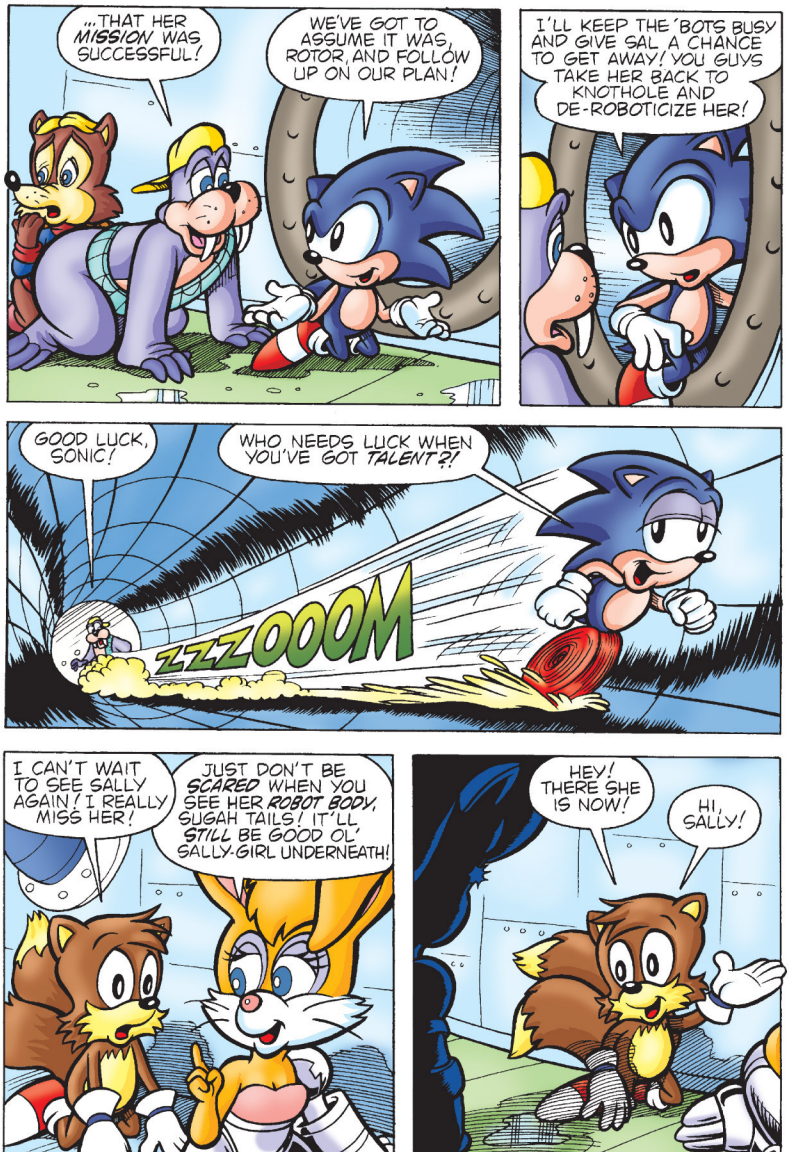
...THAT HER MISSION WAS SUCCESSFUL!
WE'VE GOT TO ASSUME IT WAS, ROTOR, AND FOLLOW UP ON OUR PLAN!
I'LL KEEP THE 'BOTS BUSY AND GIVE SAL A CHANCE TO GET AWAY! YOU GUYS TAKE HER BACK TO KNOTHOLE AND DE-ROBOTICIZE HER!
GOOD LUCK, SONIC!
WHO NEEDS LUCK WHEN YOU'VE GOT TALENT?!
ZZZOOOM
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE SALLY AGAIN! I REALLY MISS HER!
JUST DON'T BE SCARED WHEN YOU SEE HER ROBOT BODY, SUGAH TAILS! IT'LL STILL BE GOOD OL' SALLY-GIRL UNDERNEATH!
HEY! THERE SHE IS NOW!
HI, SALLY!
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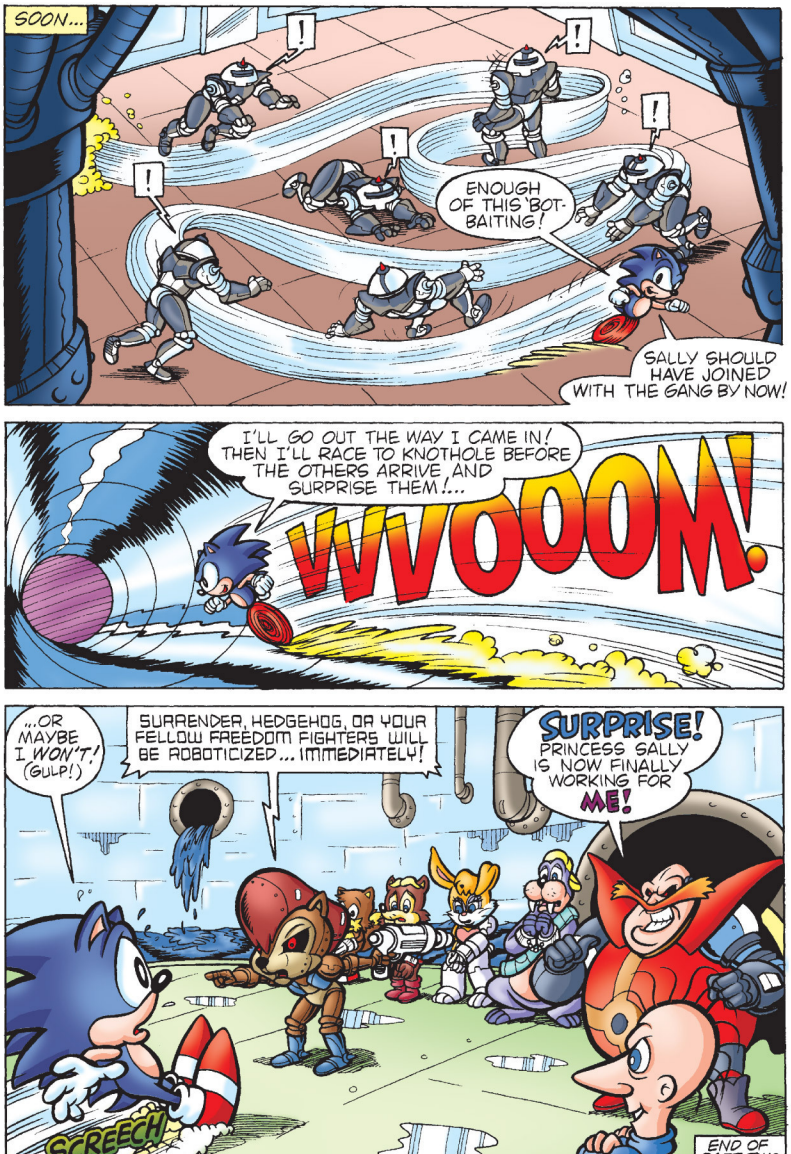
SOON...
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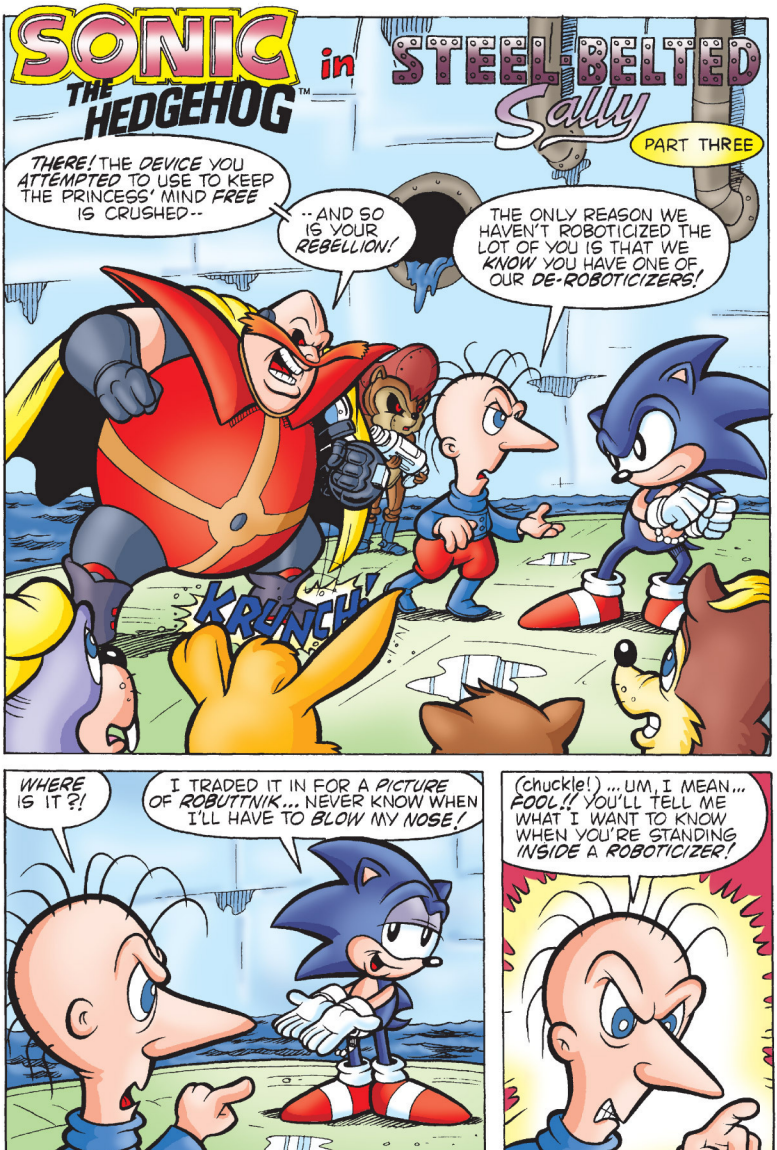
ENOUGH OF THIS 'BOT-BAITING!
SALLY SHOULD HAVE JOINED WITH THE GANG BY NOW!
I'LL GO OUT THE WAY I CAME IN! THEN I'LL RACE TO KNOTHOLE BEFORE THE OTHERS ARRIVE AND SURPRISE THEM!...
VVVOOOM!
...OR MAYBE I WON'T! (GULP!)
SURRENDER, HEDGEHOG, OR YOUR FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL BE ROBOTICIZED... IMMEDIATELY!
SURPRISE! PRINCESS SALLY IS NOW FINALLY WORKING FOR ME!
SCREECH
END OF PART TWO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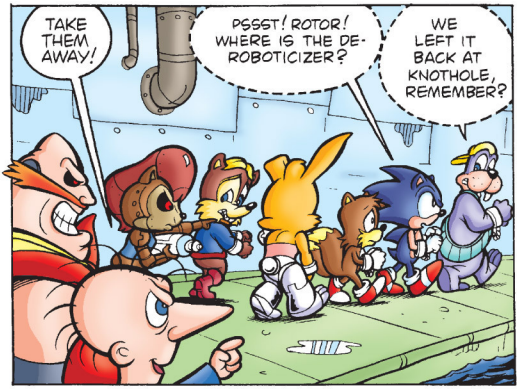
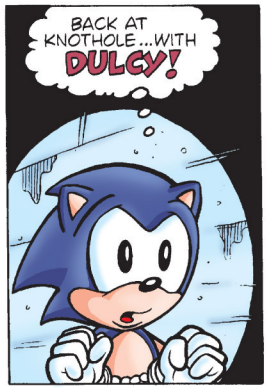
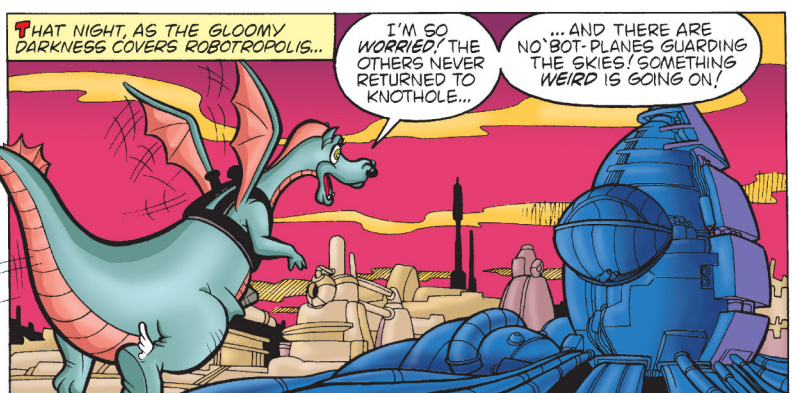
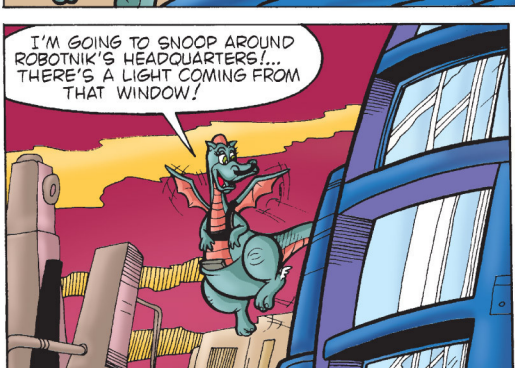
PART THREE
THERE! THE DEVICE YOU ATTEMPTED TO USE TO KEEP THE PRINCESS' MIND FREE IS CRUSHED--
--AND SO IS YOUR REBELLION!
THE ONLY REASON WE HAVEN'T ROBOTICIZED THE LOT OF YOU IS THAT WE KNOW YOU HAVE ONE OF OUR DE-ROBOTICIZERS!
KRUNCH!
WHERE IS IT?!
I TRADED IT IN FOR A PICTURE OF ROBUTTNIK... NEVER KNOW WHEN I'LL HAVE TO BLOW MY NOSE!
(chuckle!) ...UM, I MEAN... FOOL!! YOU'LL TELL ME WHAT I WANT TO KNOW WHEN YOU'RE STANDING INSIDE A ROBOTICIZER!


TAKE THEM AWAY!
PSSST! ROTOR! WHERE IS THE DE-ROBOTICIZER?
WE LEFT IT BACK AT KNOTHOLE, REMEMBER?


BACK AT KNOTHOLE...WITH DULCY!


THAT NIGHT, AS THE GLOOMY DARKNESS COVERS ROBOTROPOLIS...
I'M SO WORRIED! THE OTHERS NEVER RETURNED TO KNOTHOLE...
...AND THERE ARE NO 'BOT-PLANES GUARDING THE SKIES! SOMETHING WEIRD IS GOING ON!


I'M GOING TO SNOOP AROUND ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS!... THERE'S A LIGHT COMING FROM THAT WINDOW!

OH NO!
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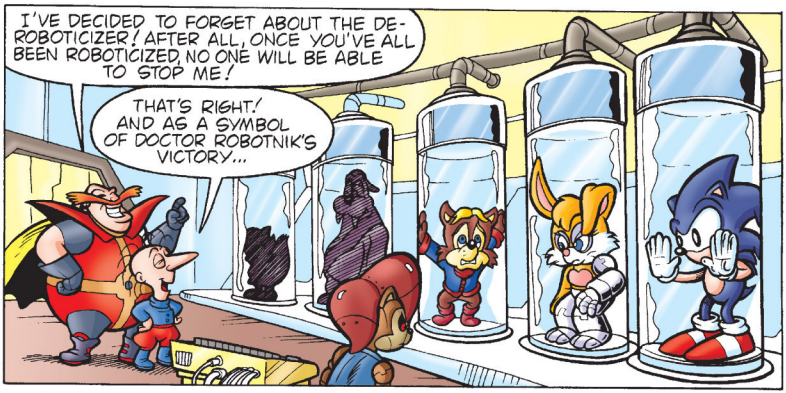
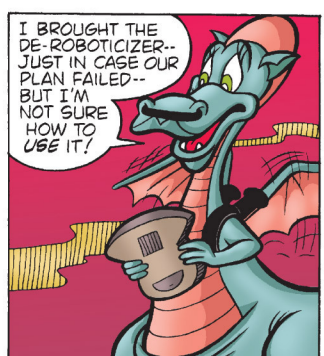
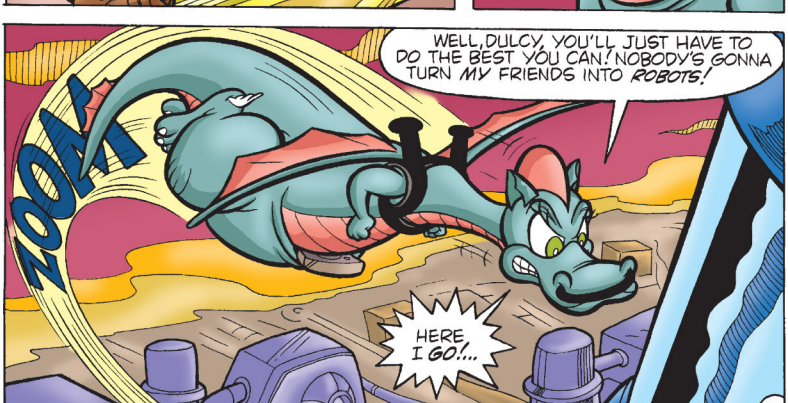
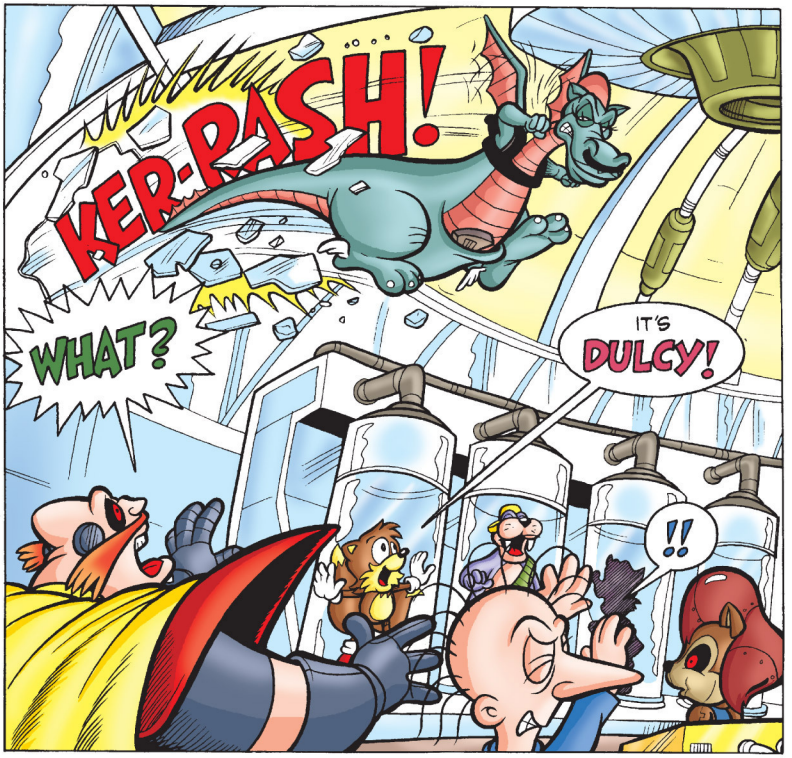

I'VE DECIDED TO FORGET ABOUT THE DE-ROBOTICIZER! AFTER ALL, ONCE YOU'VE ALL BEEN ROBOTICIZED, NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO STOP ME!
THAT'S RIGHT! AND AS A SYMBOL OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S VICTORY...

...THE ROBOTICIZER WILL BE ACTIVATED BY YOUR FORMER COLLEAGUE... ROBOT THREE-THREE-NINE-ZERO!
I AM READY, MASTER!


I BROUGHT THE DE-ROBOTICIZER-- JUST IN CASE OUR PLAN FAILED-- BUT I'M NOT SURE HOW TO *USE* IT!


WOOF!
WELL, DULCY, YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO DO THE BEST YOU CAN! NOBODY'S GONNA TURN *MY* FRIENDS INTO *ROBOTS*!
HERE I *GO*!...


KER-RASH!
WHAT?
IT'S DULCY!
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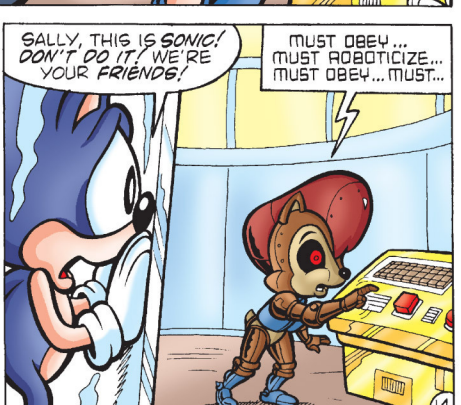
QUICK! ROBOTICIZE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, 'BOT THREE-THREE-NINE-ZERO! I COMMAND YOU!


SALLY, THIS IS SONIC! DON'T DO IT! WE'RE YOUR FRIENDS!
MUST OBEY... MUST ROBOTICIZE... MUST OBEY... MUST...
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HERE GOES NOTHING...
...OBEY...
FRZZZAAP!
WH--WHERE AM I...?
SHE'S BACK TO NORMAL, SIR!
I'LL DO IT MYSELF! OUT OF THE WAY!
!
OH NO YOU WON'T!
EEEYIII!
RRROARR!
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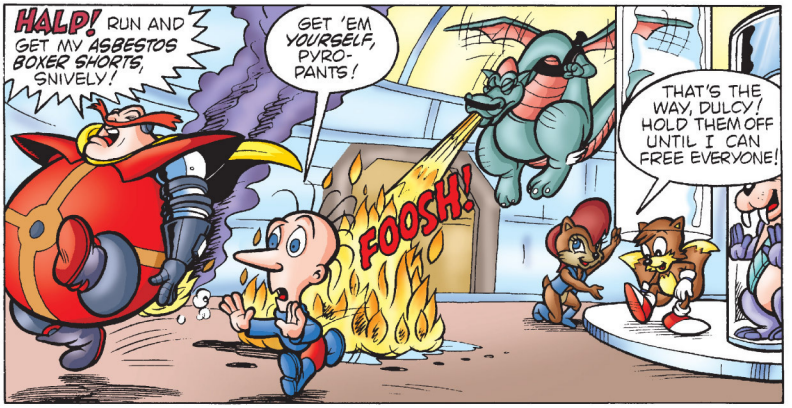
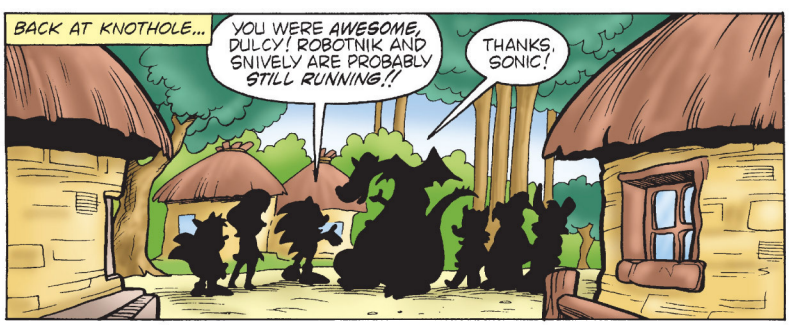
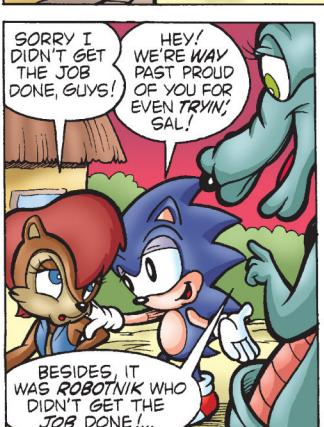

HALP! RUN AND GET MY ASBESTOS BOXER SHORTS, SNIVELY!
GET 'EM YOURSELF, PYRO-PANTS!
FOOSH!
THAT'S THE WAY, DULCY! HOLD THEM OFF UNTIL I CAN FREE EVERYONE!


BACK AT KNOTHOLE...
YOU WERE AWESOME, DULCY! ROBOTNIK AND SNIVELY ARE PROBABLY STILL RUNNING!!
THANKS, SONIC!


SORRY I DIDN'T GET THE JOB DONE, GUYS!
HEY! WE'RE WAY PAST PROUD OF YOU FOR EVEN TRYIN', SAL!
BESIDES, IT WAS ROBOTNIK WHO DIDN'T GET THE JOB DONE!...

...THAT'S WHY I FIRED HIM!
THE END

FEATURE PRESENTATION!

THE SUPER SPOTLIGHT!

MEET SALLY ACORN

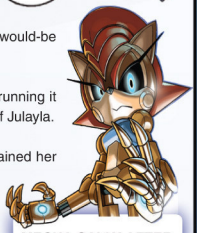
The People's Princess!

Sally Alicia Acorn was born during the **Great War**. She was raised as an only child to the "widower" **King Maximillian Acorn** and wouldn't know the fate of her mother and older brother until years later. Sally was also raised and tutored by her royal mentor, **Julayla Chipmunk**, and royal nursemaid, **Rosie Woodchuck**.

After **Dr. Robotnik's** takeover, the young Sally dedicated herself to the rescue of her father and her kingdom. Inspired by the **Original Freedom Fighters**, Sally rallied her own band of friends and led them in raids against **Robotropolis**. Despite her youth, Sally showed an uncanny ability to lead, strategize, and hold her ragtag team of would-be heroes together.

Late in the First Robotnik War, Sally discovered a mysterious handheld device. The A.I. running it identified itself as **Nicole** and would become Sally's mentor and friend after the passing of Julayla.

As Sally led the **Freedom Fighters** to victory in the battle against Dr. Robotnik, she regained her family but faced a great deal of personal hardship. Her life of guerrilla warfare conflicted with the formalities of royalty. Torn between the life she had and the one she thought she wanted, Sally's spirit was strained. The final blow came when her first love, **Sonic the Hedgehog**, appeared to first give his life for **Mobius** and then return from the dead. At her most confused, she broke up with Sonic to prevent further heartbreak for herself.



MECHA SALLY AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD ROBOTICIZER.

Eventually she recovered to her old self, chose her role as the team's field leader and repaired her damaged friendships. Just as life returned to normal, Sally barely skirted death after the effects of the **Genesis Wave**. She used her second chance at life to sabotage the **Death Egg II's World Roboticizer**. Her sacrifice saved Mobius, but turned her into one of **Dr. Eggman's** robot minions.

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance: Sonic the Hedgehog #0

Abilities:

Agility – Able to perform gymnastic moves beyond average.
Versatility – Trained in combat, survival, diplomacy, computer skills
Tactical skills – An accomplished and resourceful field leader.

LAIR HAUZ HERE

MEET AMY ROSE

The Piko-Piko Valkyrie!

HEH! HEH! OUCH-- SONIC WILL HAVE TO--OOCH--ENTER THE ZONE NOW-- OW! YOUR LITTLE SPINES HURT!
NOK! NOK!
YOU'LL GET HURT WORSE WHEN SONIC GETS YOU!

Amy Rose was born to nobles in **Mercia** before the influence of **Dr. Robotnik** had reached across the ocean. As her kingdom fell around her, stories of a heroic blue hedgehog reached her homeland. Amy was immediately enamored by the tales of this legendary "**Sonic the Hedgehog**" and began sending letters to him despite the ever-present danger.

With her parents missing and Mercia's capital being turned into **Snottingham** by Dr. Robotnik, Amy's cousin, **Rob o' the Hedge**, sent her to the presumed safety of Sonic's company. Her escort was captured along the way and Amy was made bait in a trap to destroy Sonic in the **Collision Chaos Zone**. Once rescued, Amy was welcomed into **Knothole** with open arms.

AMY MAKES HER WISH TO BE OLDER ON THE RING OF ACORNS

But a fiery spirit wasn't enough to get her into the **Freedom Fighters**, nor was it enough to gain Sonic's romantic interests. In a desperate bid to get some recognition, Amy used the **Ring of Acorns** -- a magic ring forged from the energies of a **Super Chaos Emerald** and of incredible potency. Amy believes she used the ring's final wish to make herself older. In fact, she absorbed its power and now unwittingly enjoys some limited wish-granting abilities -- namely the creation of her **Piko Piko Hammer** from thin air.

Amy has since served on a number of missions and earned her position within the Freedom Fighters. Quick and powerful, she is a force to be reckoned with on the battlefield. While normally sweet and friendly, an explosively fiery temper simmers just below the surface.

Now Amy aims to catch Sonic's eye by being the finest Freedom Fighter the world has ever seen!

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance: Sonic the Hedgehog #25

Abilities:

Piko Piko Hammer – A massive mallet that appears from nowhere and causes incredible damage with seemingly little effort. Whenever it strikes it makes a bizarre "PIKO" sounding noise.

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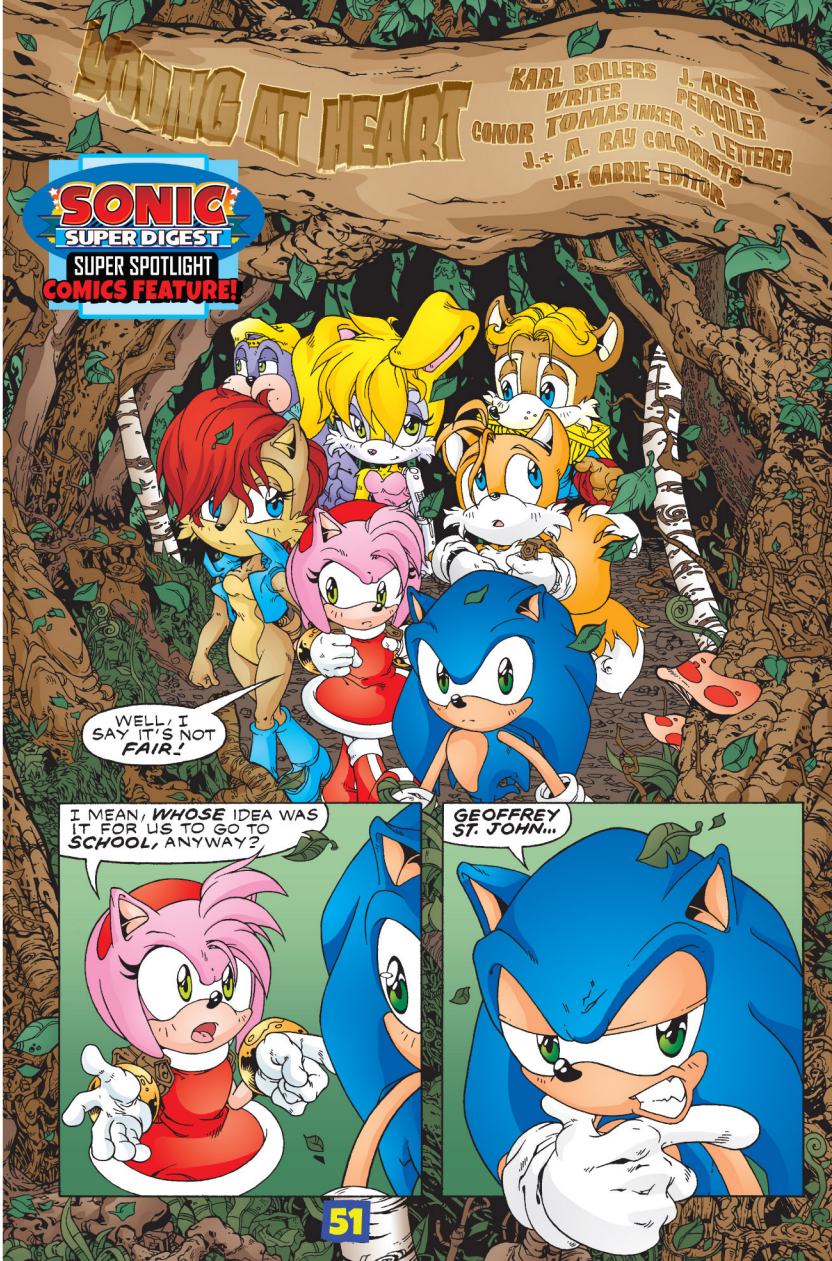
SONIC
SUPER DIGEST
SUPER SPOTLIGHT
COMICS FEATURE!
YOUNG AT HEART
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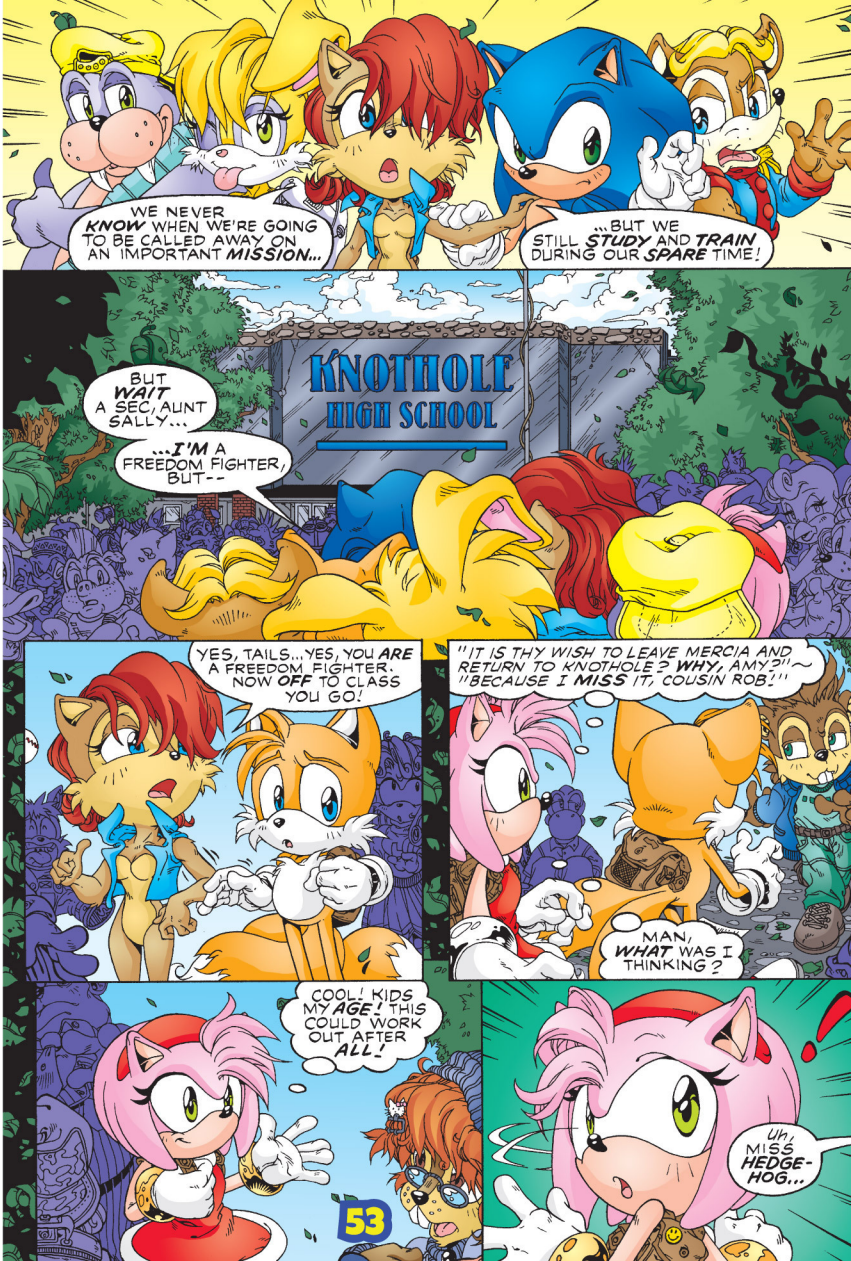
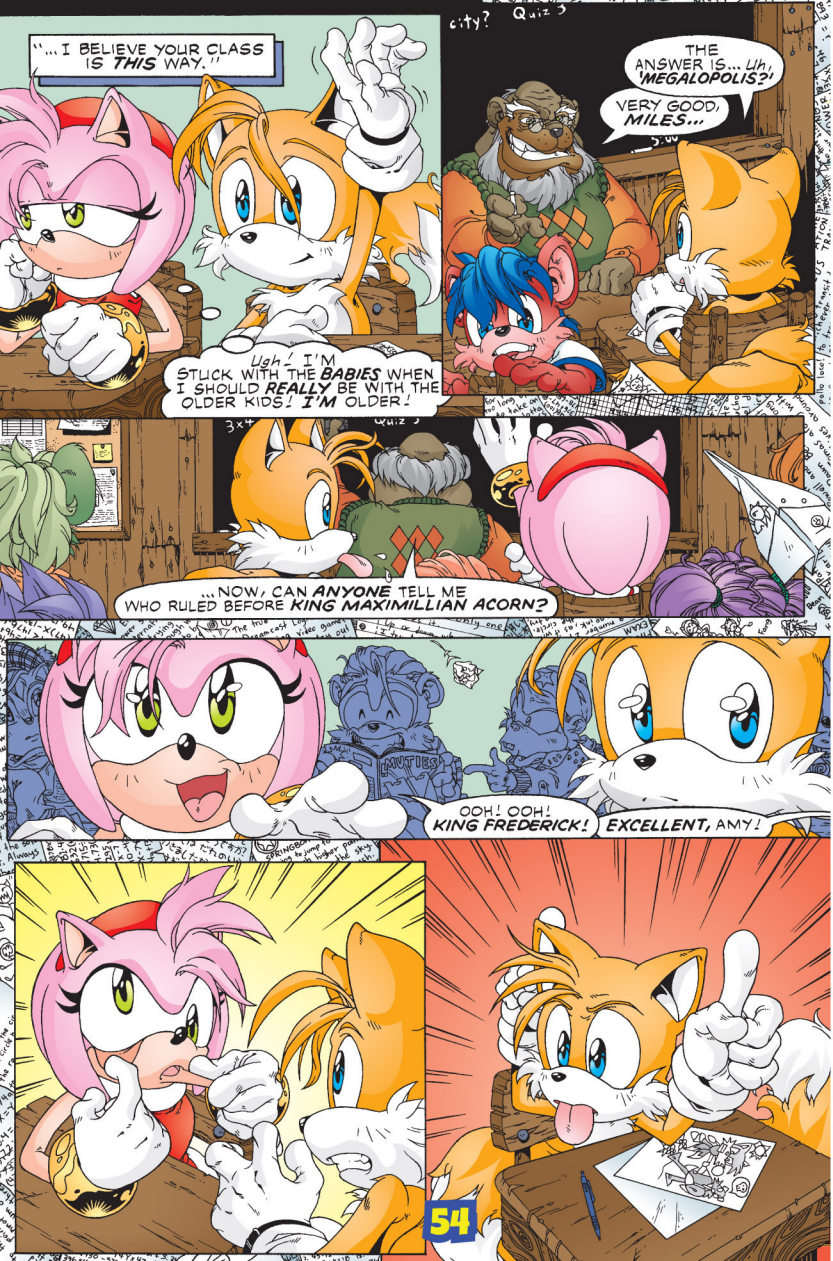
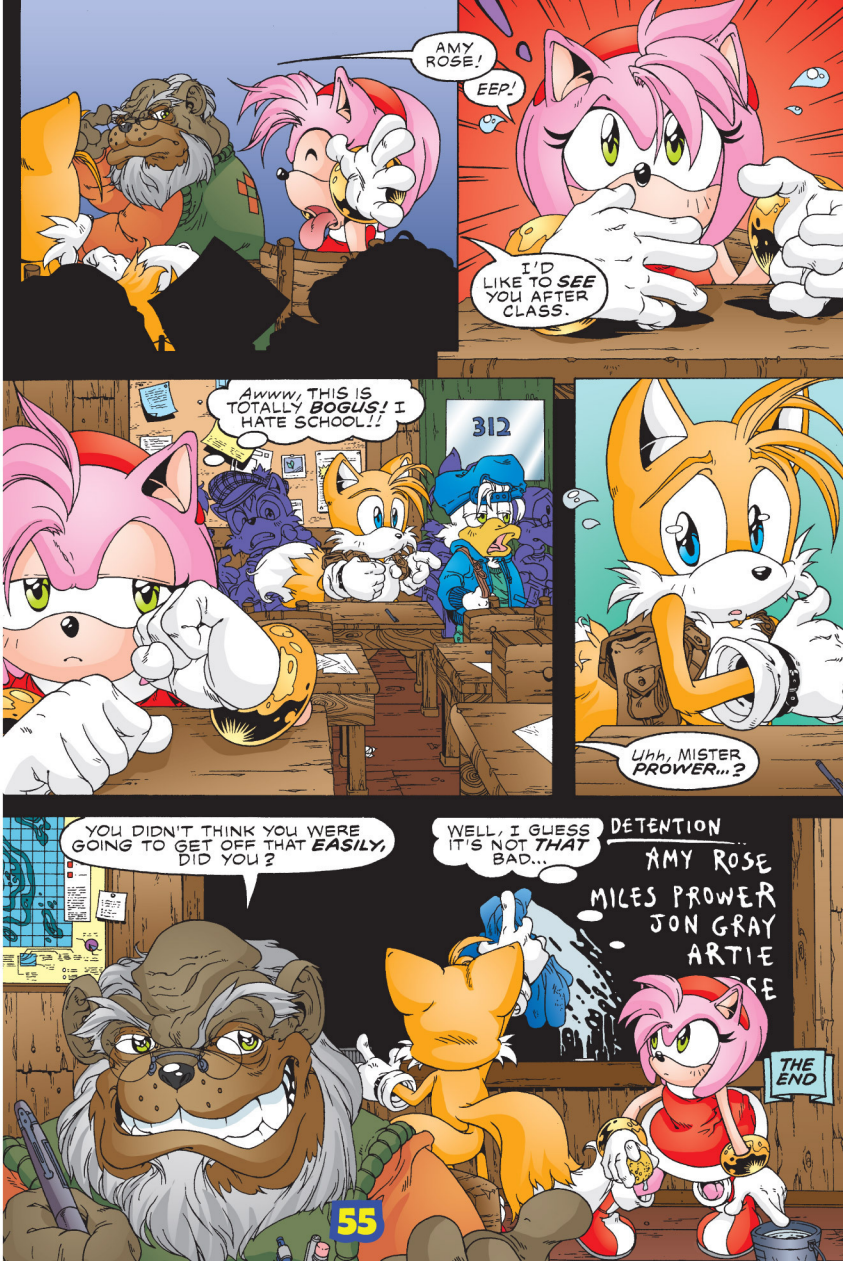
PENCILER
CONOR
TOMAS INKER + LETTERER
J.+ A. RAY COLORISTS
J.F. GABRIE EDITOR
WELL, I SAY IT'S NOT FAIR!
I MEAN, WHOSE IDEA WAS IT FOR US TO GO TO SCHOOL, ANYWAY?
GEOFFREY ST. JOHN...

...A VERY CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND OF PRINCESS SALLY.
BUT WHY? WE NEVER HAD TO GO BEFORE!
EXACTLY. THAT'S WHY (AND GEOFFREY IS MY FATHER'S CLOSE AND PERSONAL FRIEND BY THE WAY) YOU HAVE TO NOW.
WHEN ROBOTNIK WAS IN ACTION, THINGS WERE DIFFERENT. OUR FOCUS WAS ON REBUILDING THE KINGDOM. NOW THAT HE'S GONE...
...IT'S ON BUILDING THE FUTURE.
BUT I STILL DON'T GET IT TOTALLY.
WHY DON'T THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE TO GO, TOO?
WELL, THAT'S EASY...


WE NEVER KNOW WHEN WE'RE GOING TO BE CALLED AWAY ON AN IMPORTANT MISSION...
...BUT WE STILL STUDY AND TRAIN DURING OUR SPARE TIME!
KNOTHOLE HIGH SCHOOL
BUT WAIT A SEC, AUNT SALLY...
...I'M A FREEDOM FIGHTER, BUT--
YES, TAILS...YES, YOU ARE A FREEDOM FIGHTER. NOW OFF TO CLASS YOU GO!
"IT IS THY WISH TO LEAVE MERCIA AND RETURN TO KNOTHOLE? WHY, AMY?"~ "BECAUSE I MISS IT, COUSIN ROB."
MAN, WHAT WAS I THINKING?
COOL! KIDS MY AGE! THIS COULD WORK OUT AFTER ALL!
UH, MISS HEDGE-HOG...


"... I BELIEVE YOUR CLASS IS THIS WAY."
Ugh, I'M STUCK WITH THE BABIES WHEN I SHOULD REALLY BE WITH THE OLDER KIDS! I'M OLDER!
Quiz 3
THE ANSWER IS... Uh, 'MEGALOPOLIS?'
VERY GOOD, MILES...
...NOW, CAN ANYONE TELL ME WHO RULED BEFORE KING MAXIMILLIAN ACORN?
OOH! OOH! KING FREDERICK!
EXCELLENT, AMY!


AMY ROSE!
EEP!
I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU AFTER CLASS.
Awww, THIS IS TOTALLY BOGUS! I HATE SCHOOL!!
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Uhh, MISTER PROWER...?
YOU DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE GOING TO GET OFF THAT EASILY, DID YOU?
WELL, I GUESS IT'S NOT THAT BAD...
DETENTION
AMY ROSE
MILES PROWER
JON GRAY
ARTIE
THE END

AMY ROSE in
I WANNA BE A FREEDOM FIGHTER!
I WANNA. I WANNA. I WANNA. I WANNA. I WANNA.
PLEASE... YOU MUST UNDERSTAND, AMY, YOU ARE WAY TOO YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED TO BE A FREEDOM FIGHTER.
AND TAILS?
HE MAY BE YOUNG, BUT HIS EXPERIENCE MORE THAN MAKES UP FOR IT.
YOU'RE JUST SAYING THAT BECAUSE YOU WANT TO KEEP SONIC ALL TO YOURSELF. HMPH.
=SIGH!=
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE FINE TEAM OF:
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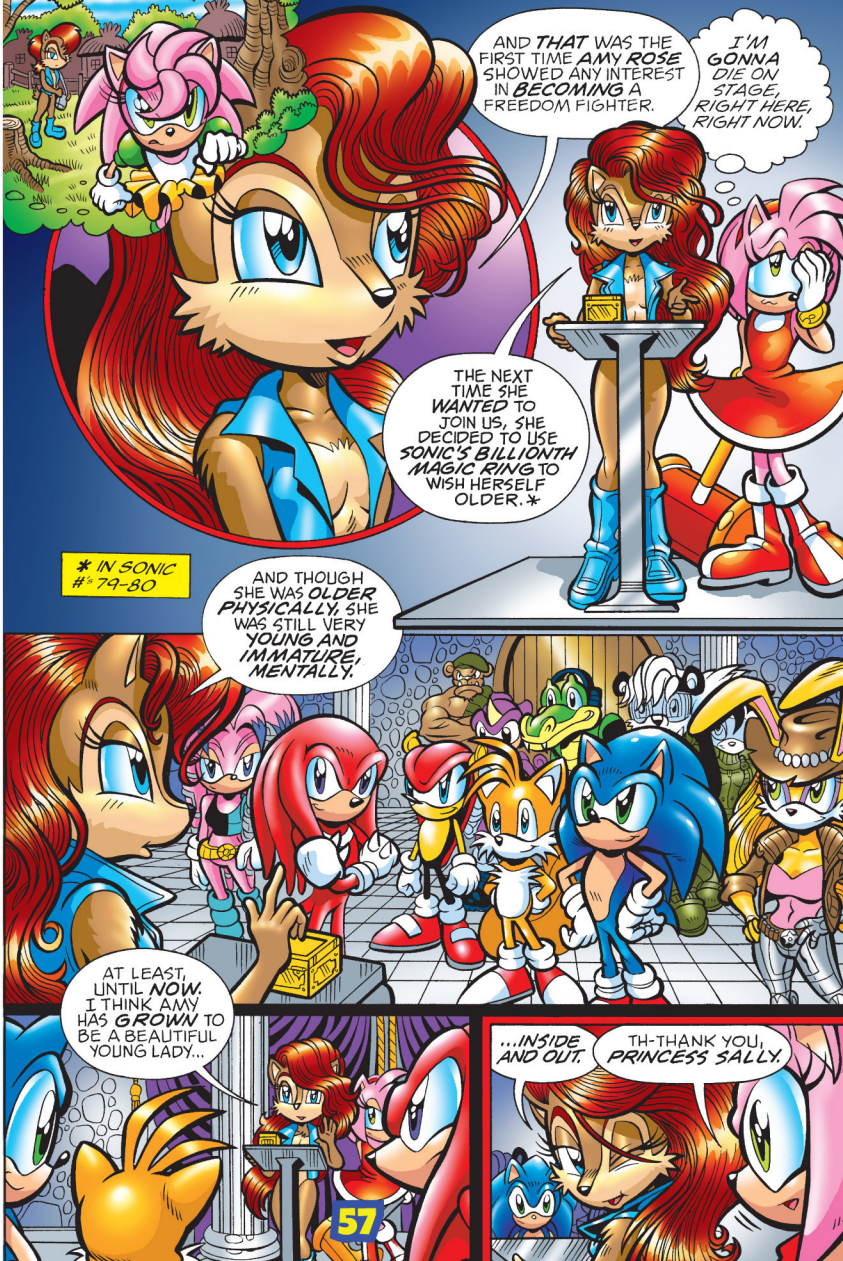
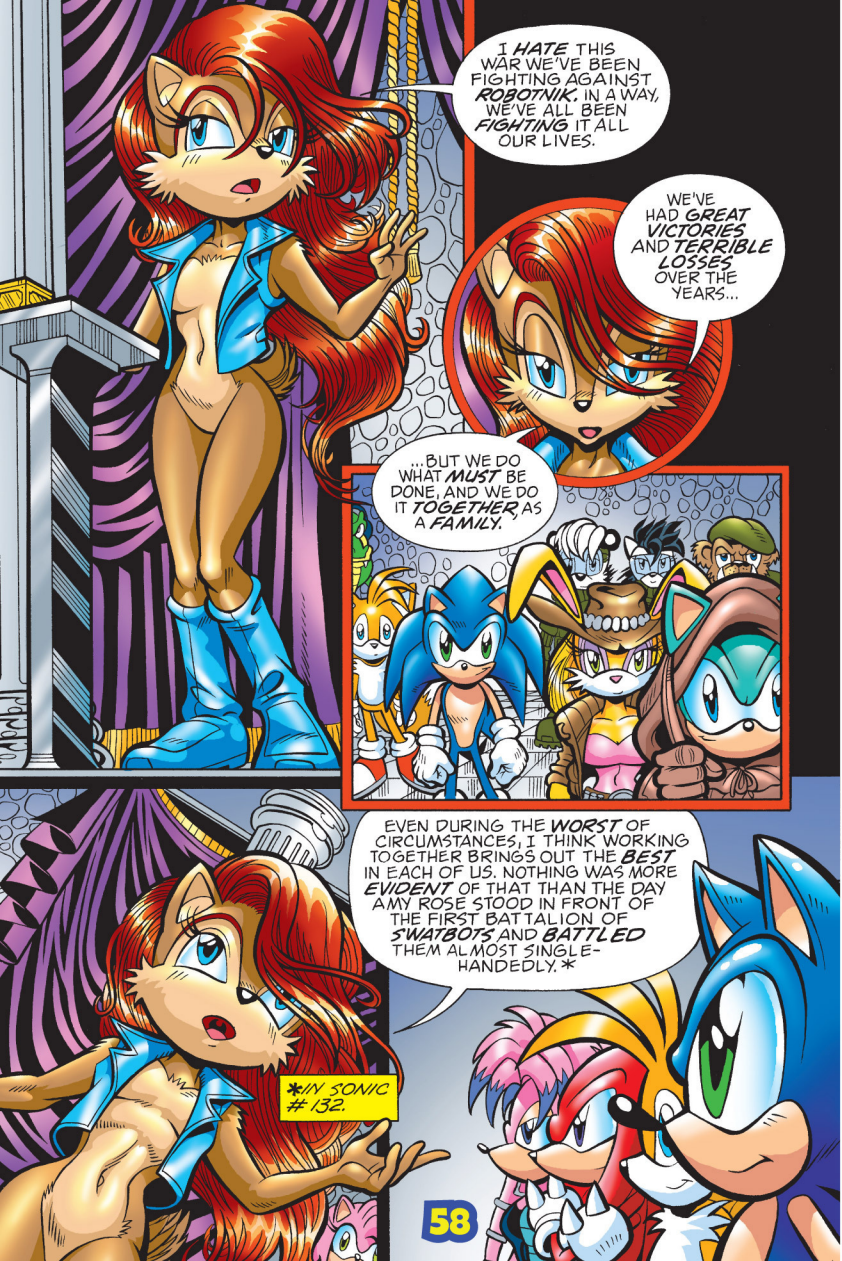
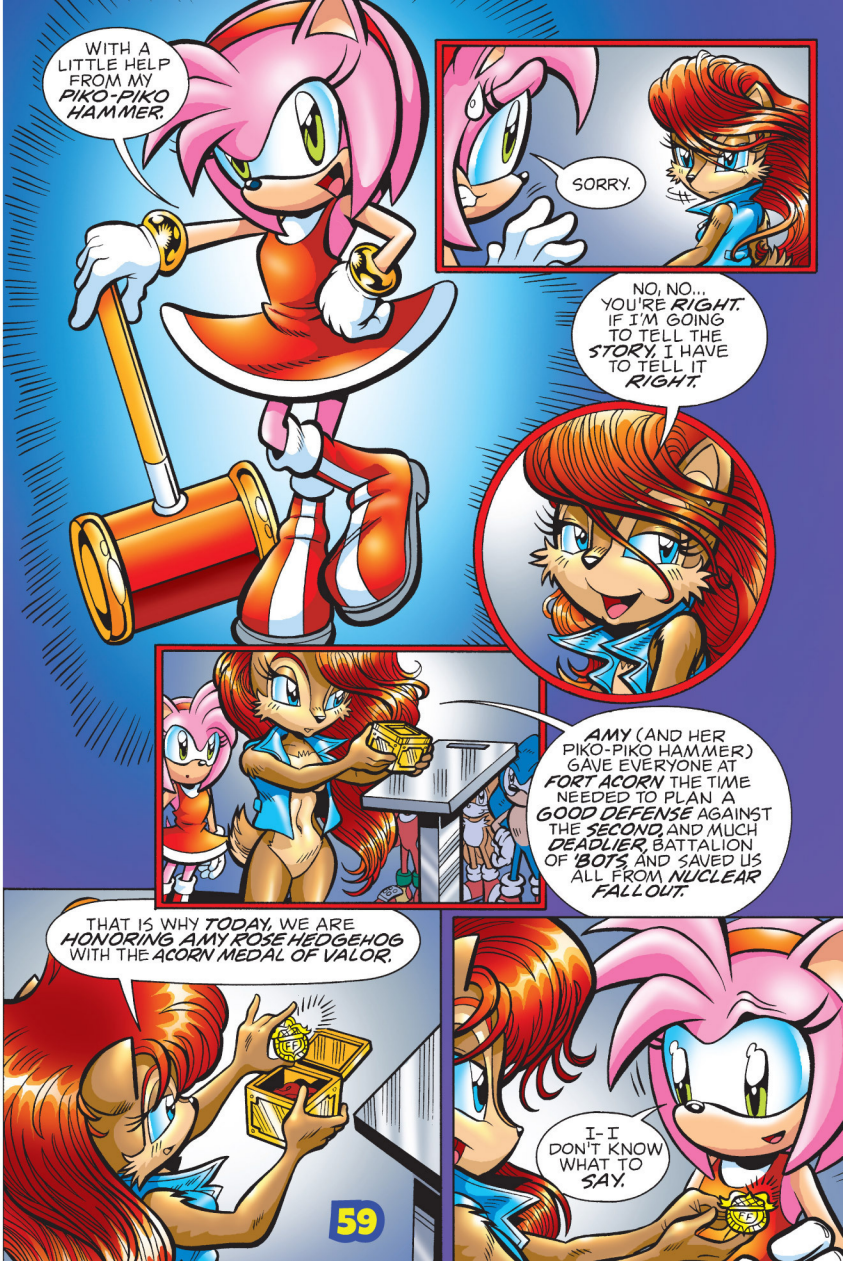
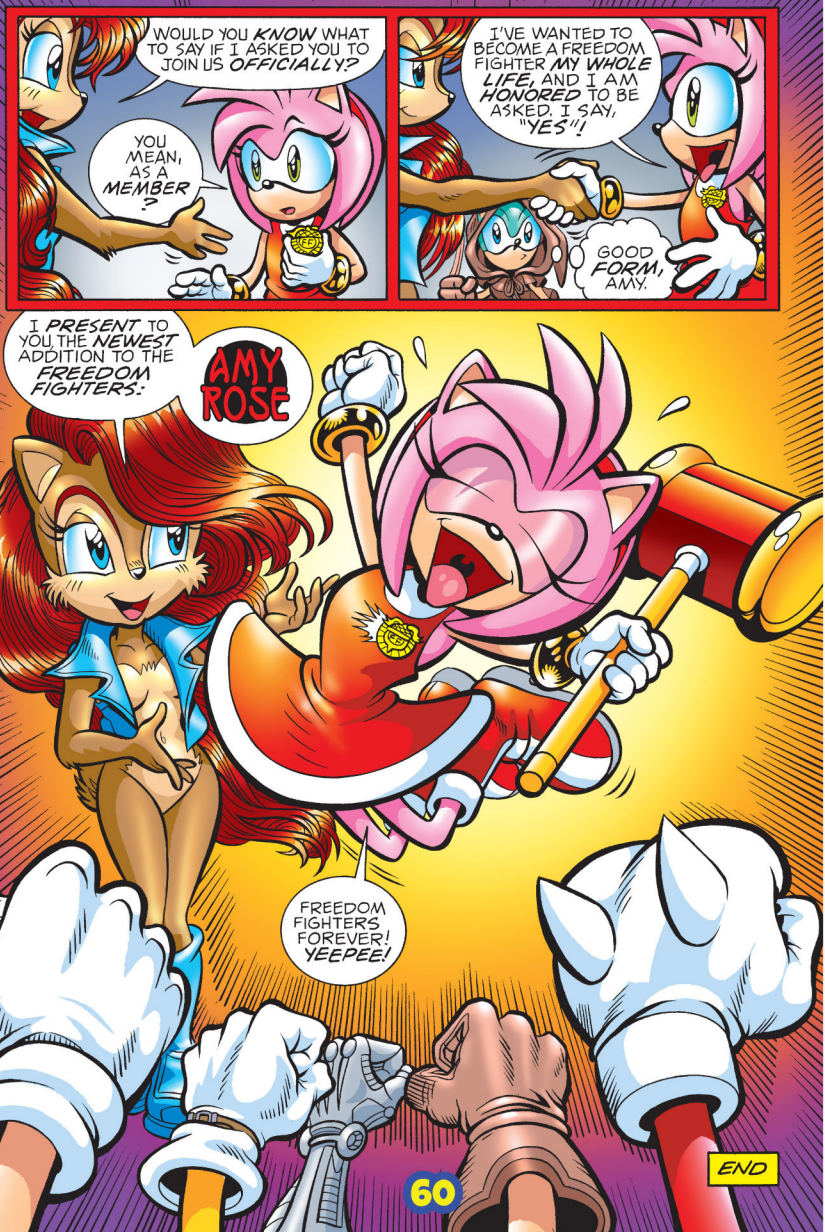

AND THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME AMY ROSE SHOWED ANY INTEREST IN BECOMING A FREEDOM FIGHTER.
I'M GONNA DIE ON STAGE, RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW.
THE NEXT TIME SHE WANTED TO JOIN US, SHE DECIDED TO USE SONIC'S BILLIONTH MAGIC RING TO WISH HERSELF OLDER.*
* IN SONIC #'S 79-80
AND THOUGH SHE WAS OLDER PHYSICALLY, SHE WAS STILL VERY YOUNG AND IMMATURE, MENTALLY.
AT LEAST, UNTIL NOW. I THINK AMY HAS GROWN TO BE A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY...
...INSIDE AND OUT.
TH-THANK YOU, PRINCESS SALLY.


I HATE THIS WAR WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING AGAINST ROBOTNIK. IN A WAY, WE'VE ALL BEEN FIGHTING IT ALL OUR LIVES.
WE'VE HAD GREAT VICTORIES AND TERRIBLE LOSSES OVER THE YEARS...
...BUT WE DO WHAT MUST BE DONE, AND WE DO IT TOGETHER, AS A FAMILY.
EVEN DURING THE WORST OF CIRCUMSTANCES, I THINK WORKING TOGETHER BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN EACH OF US. NOTHING WAS MORE EVIDENT OF THAT THAN THE DAY AMY ROSE STOOD IN FRONT OF THE FIRST BATTALION OF SWATBOTS AND BATTLED THEM ALMOST SINGLE-HANDEDLY.*
*IN SONIC #132.


WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY PIKO-PIKO HAMMER.
SORRY.
NO, NO... YOU'RE RIGHT. IF I'M GOING TO TELL THE STORY, I HAVE TO TELL IT RIGHT.
AMY (AND HER PIKO-PIKO HAMMER) GAVE EVERYONE AT FORT ACORN THE TIME NEEDED TO PLAN A GOOD DEFENSE AGAINST THE SECOND, AND MUCH DEADLIER, BATTALION OF 'BOTS, AND SAVED US ALL FROM NUCLEAR FALLOUT.
THAT IS WHY TODAY, WE ARE HONORING AMY ROSE HEDGEHOG WITH THE ACORN MEDAL OF VALOR.
I-I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY.


WOULD YOU KNOW WHAT TO SAY IF I ASKED YOU TO JOIN US OFFICIALLY?
YOU MEAN, AS A MEMBER?
I'VE WANTED TO BECOME A FREEDOM FIGHTER MY WHOLE LIFE, AND I AM HONORED TO BE ASKED. I SAY, "YES"!
GOOD FORM, AMY.
I PRESENT TO YOU, THE NEWEST ADDITION TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS:
AMY ROSE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS FOREVER! YEEPEE!
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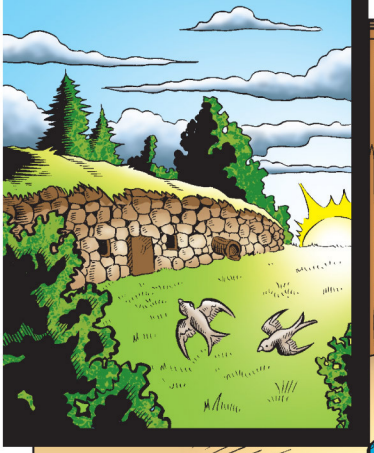

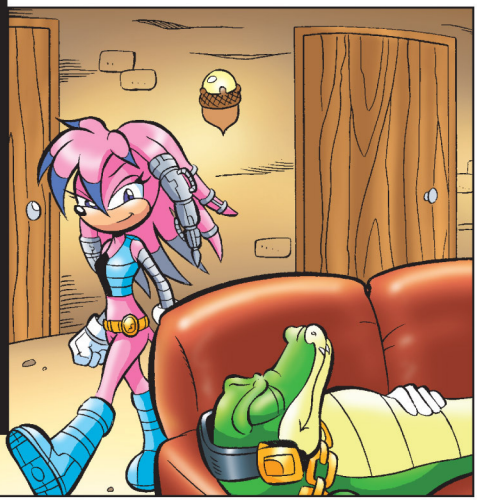

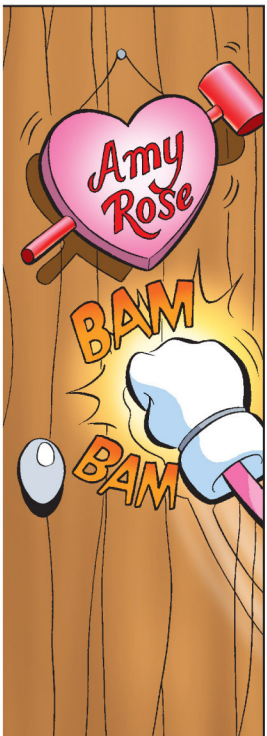

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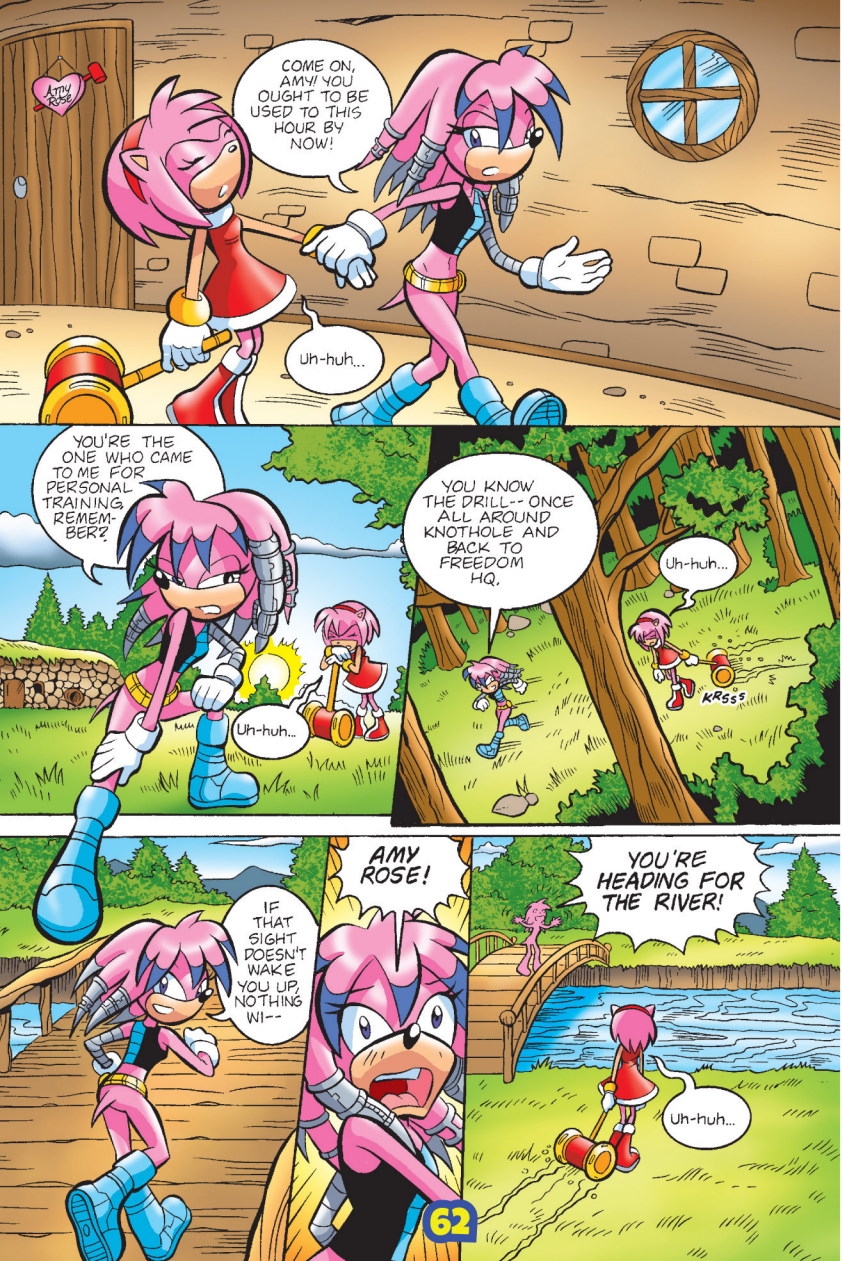
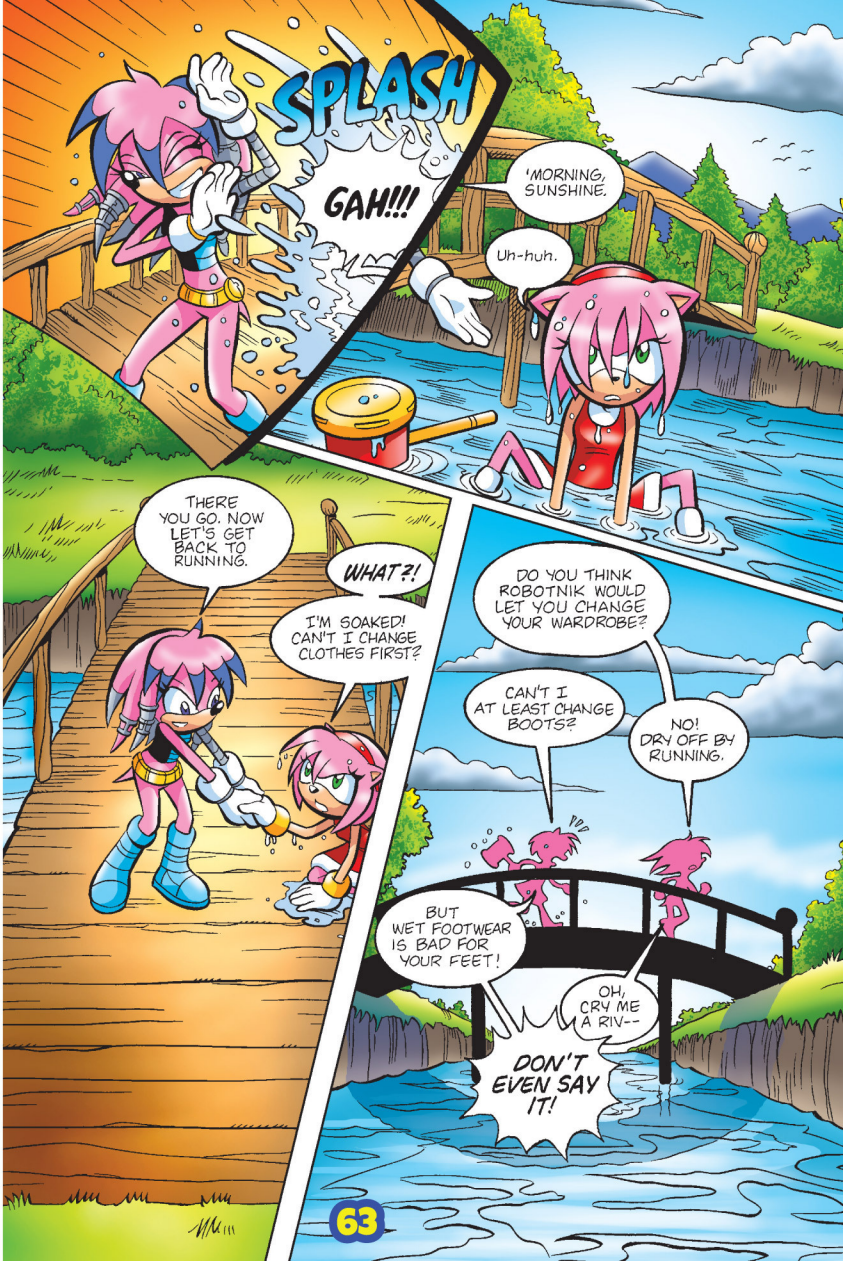
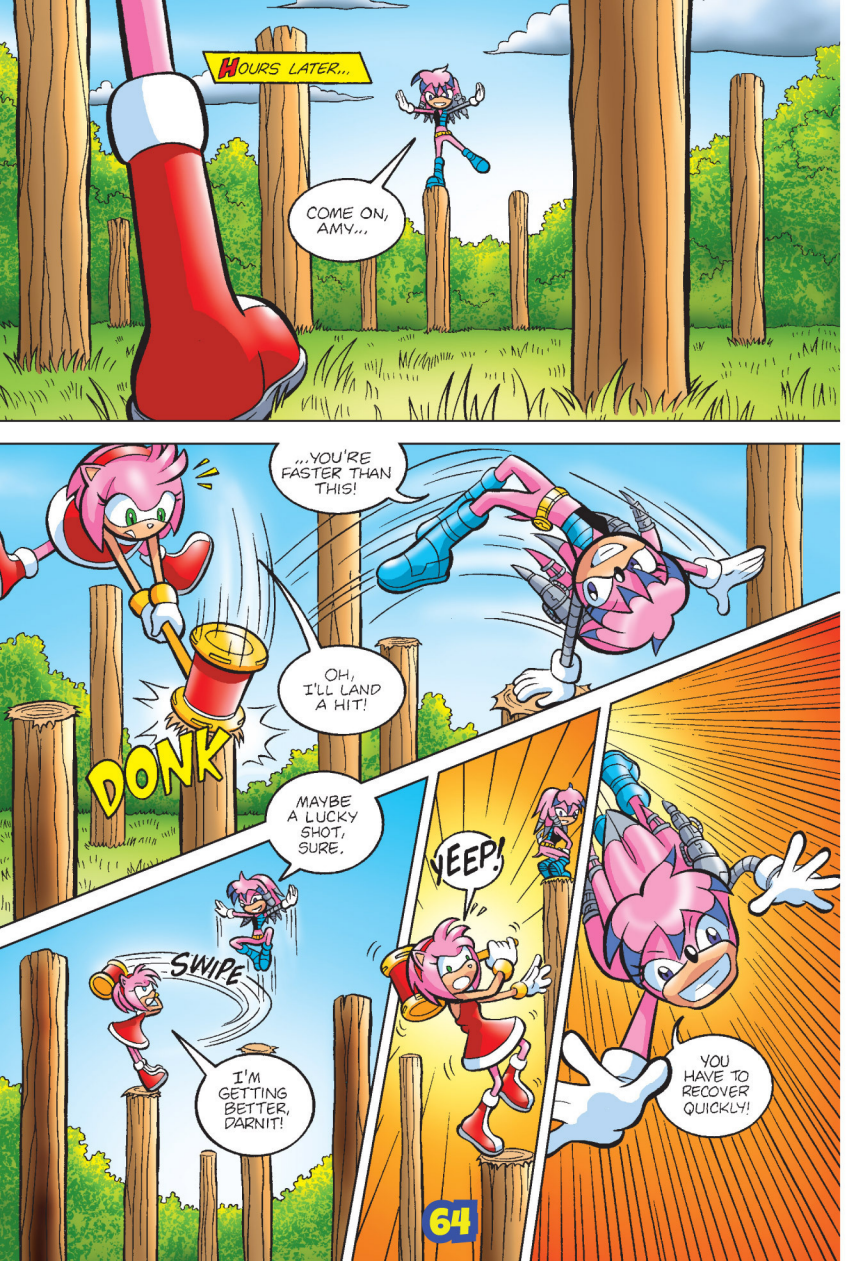
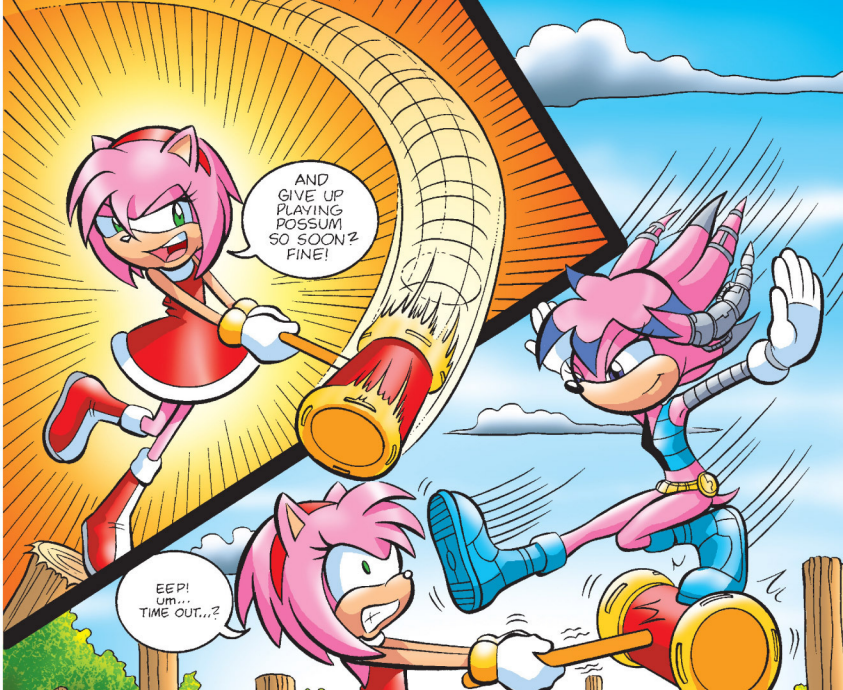
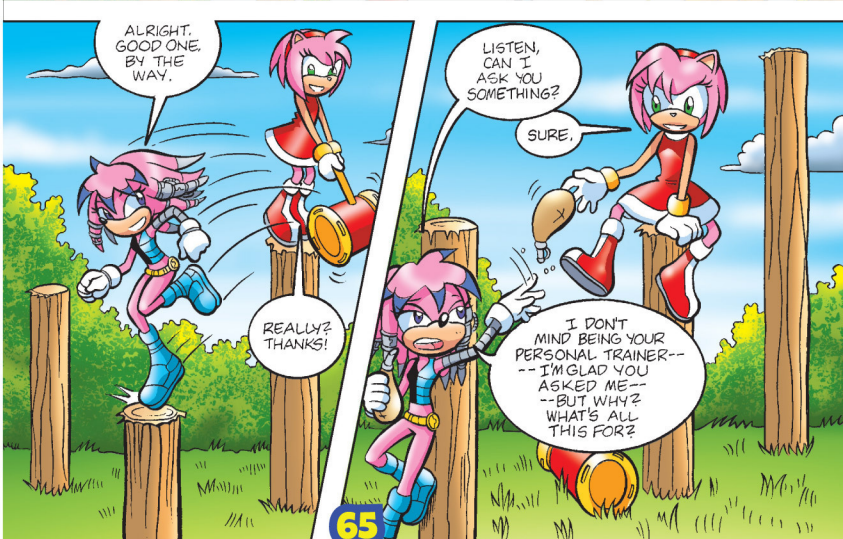
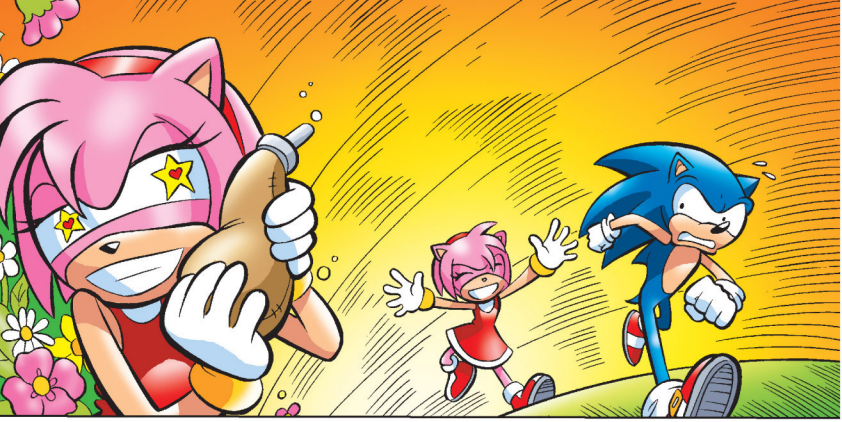

Amy Rose
COME ON, AMY! YOU OUGHT TO BE USED TO THIS HOUR BY NOW!
Uh-huh...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CAME TO ME FOR PERSONAL TRAINING, REMEMBER?
Uh-huh...
YOU KNOW THE DRILL-- ONCE ALL AROUND KNOTHOLE AND BACK TO FREEDOM HQ.
Uh-huh...
KRSSS
IF THAT SIGHT DOESN'T WAKE YOU UP, NOTHING WI--
AMY ROSE!
YOU'RE HEADING FOR THE RIVER!
Uh-huh...

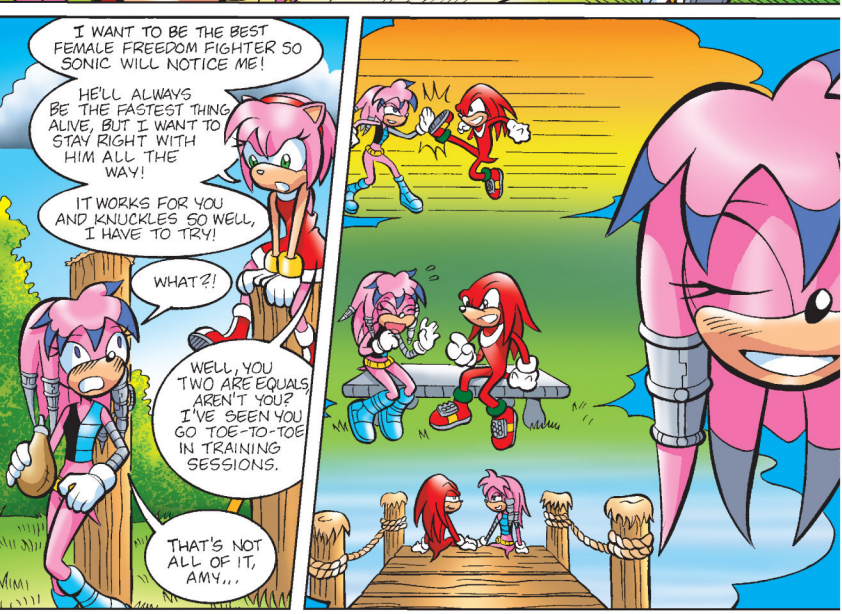

SPLASH
GAH!!!
'MORNING, SUNSHINE.
Uh-huh.
THERE YOU GO. NOW LET'S GET BACK TO RUNNING.
WHAT?!
I'M SOAKED! CAN'T I CHANGE CLOTHES FIRST?
DO YOU THINK ROBOTNIK WOULD LET YOU CHANGE YOUR WARDROBE?
CAN'T I AT LEAST CHANGE BOOTS?
NO! DRY OFF BY RUNNING.
BUT WET FOOTWEAR IS BAD FOR YOUR FEET!
OH, CRY ME A RIV--
DON'T EVEN SAY IT!

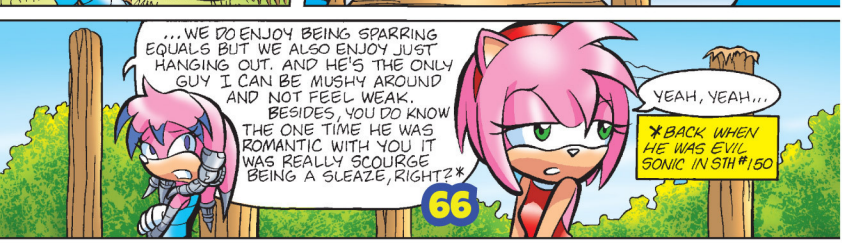

HOURS LATER...
COME ON, AMY...
...YOU'RE FASTER THAN THIS!
OH, I'LL LAND A HIT!
DONK
MAYBE A LUCKY SHOT, SURE.
YEEP!
SWIPE
I'M GETTING BETTER, DARNIT!
YOU HAVE TO RECOVER QUICKLY!


AND GIVE UP PLAYING POSSUM SO SOON? FINE!
EEP! UM... TIME OUT...?

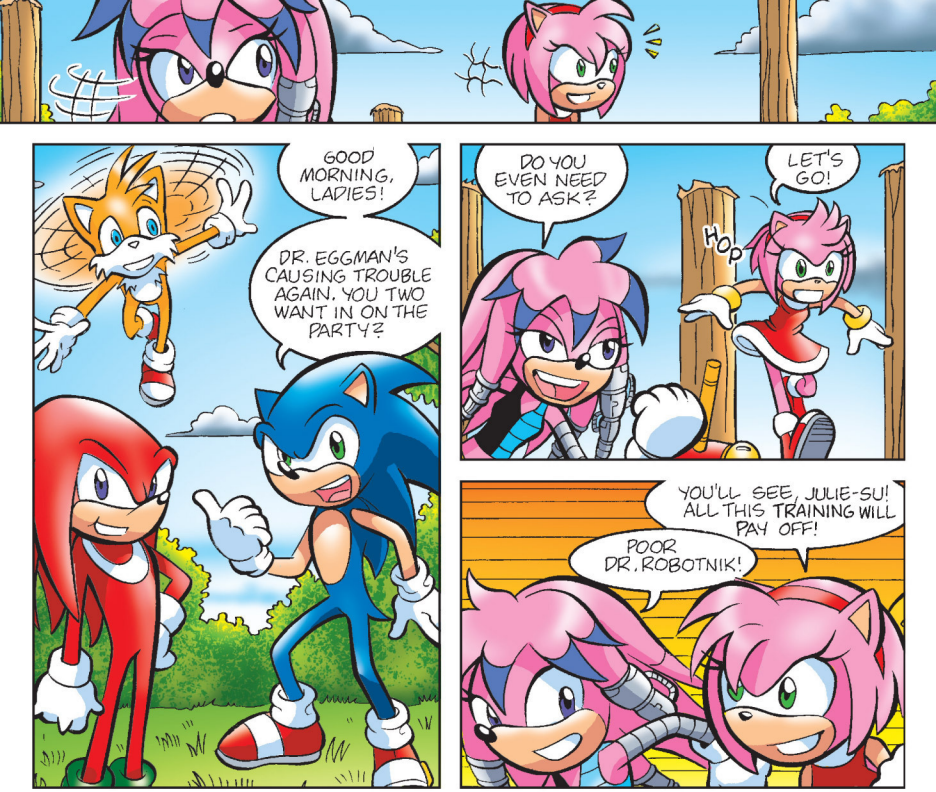

ALRIGHT. GOOD ONE. BY THE WAY.
REALLY? THANKS!
LISTEN, CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
SURE.
I DON'T MIND BEING YOUR PERSONAL TRAINER-- --I'M GLAD YOU ASKED ME-- --BUT WHY? WHAT'S ALL THIS FOR?




I WANT TO BE THE BEST FEMALE FREEDOM FIGHTER SO SONIC WILL NOTICE ME!
HE'LL ALWAYS BE THE FASTEST THING ALIVE, BUT I WANT TO STAY RIGHT WITH HIM ALL THE WAY!
IT WORKS FOR YOU AND KNUCKLES SO WELL, I HAVE TO TRY!
WHAT?!
WELL, YOU TWO ARE EQUALS, AREN'T YOU? I'VE SEEN YOU GO TOE-TO-TOE IN TRAINING SESSIONS.
THAT'S NOT ALL OF IT, AMY...


...WE DO ENJOY BEING SPARRING EQUALS BUT WE ALSO ENJOY JUST HANGING OUT. AND HE'S THE ONLY GUY I CAN BE MUSHY AROUND AND NOT FEEL WEAK. BESIDES, YOU DO KNOW THE ONE TIME HE WAS ROMANTIC WITH YOU IT WAS REALLY SCOURGE BEING A SLEAZE, RIGHT?*
YEAH, YEAH...
*BACK WHEN HE WAS EVIL. SONIC IN STH #150

BEING YOUR BEST FOR HIM IS COOL, BUT YOU NEED TO WANT THIS FOR YOU FIRST. YOU CAN'T BASE YOUR LIFE ON HIM.
OH, I DON'T!
ONE DAY I'LL BE THE PRETTIEST...
...THE MOST POWERFUL...
...AND OVER-ALL BEST FREEDOM FIGHTER EVER!
SMACK
MINE
WHICH MEANS SONIC IS THE ONLY ONE GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!
AND HE'LL BE ALL MINE!
MINE
MINE
MINE


GOOD MORNING, LADIES!
DR. EGGMAN'S CAUSING TROUBLE AGAIN. YOU TWO WANT IN ON THE PARTY?
DO YOU EVEN NEED TO ASK?
LET'S GO!
HOP
YOU'LL SEE, JULIE-SU! ALL THIS TRAINING WILL PAY OFF!
POOR DR. ROBOTNIK!
AND YOU'LL SEE, SONIC! I'LL BE THE BEST FOR YOU SINCE YOU'RE THE BEST FOR ME!
ANYBODY ELSE SMELL WET FEET?
END

I REMEMBER THE DAY I MET HER VIVIDLY. WE DIDN'T MEET UNDER THE BEST CIRCUM-STANCES...
KA-THOOM!
EVERY-ONE INTO THE CELLAR, PLEASE! QUICKLY! WE MUSTN'T DELAY!
CHAO! CHAO!
KA-THOOM!
CREAM!
MOTHER! I'M TRYING TO MOVE THE CHAO AS FAST AS I CAN, BUT THEY'RE SCARED!
KA-THOOMP!
WELCOME BACK, Chao!
"IS SOMEBODY COMING TO HELP US?"
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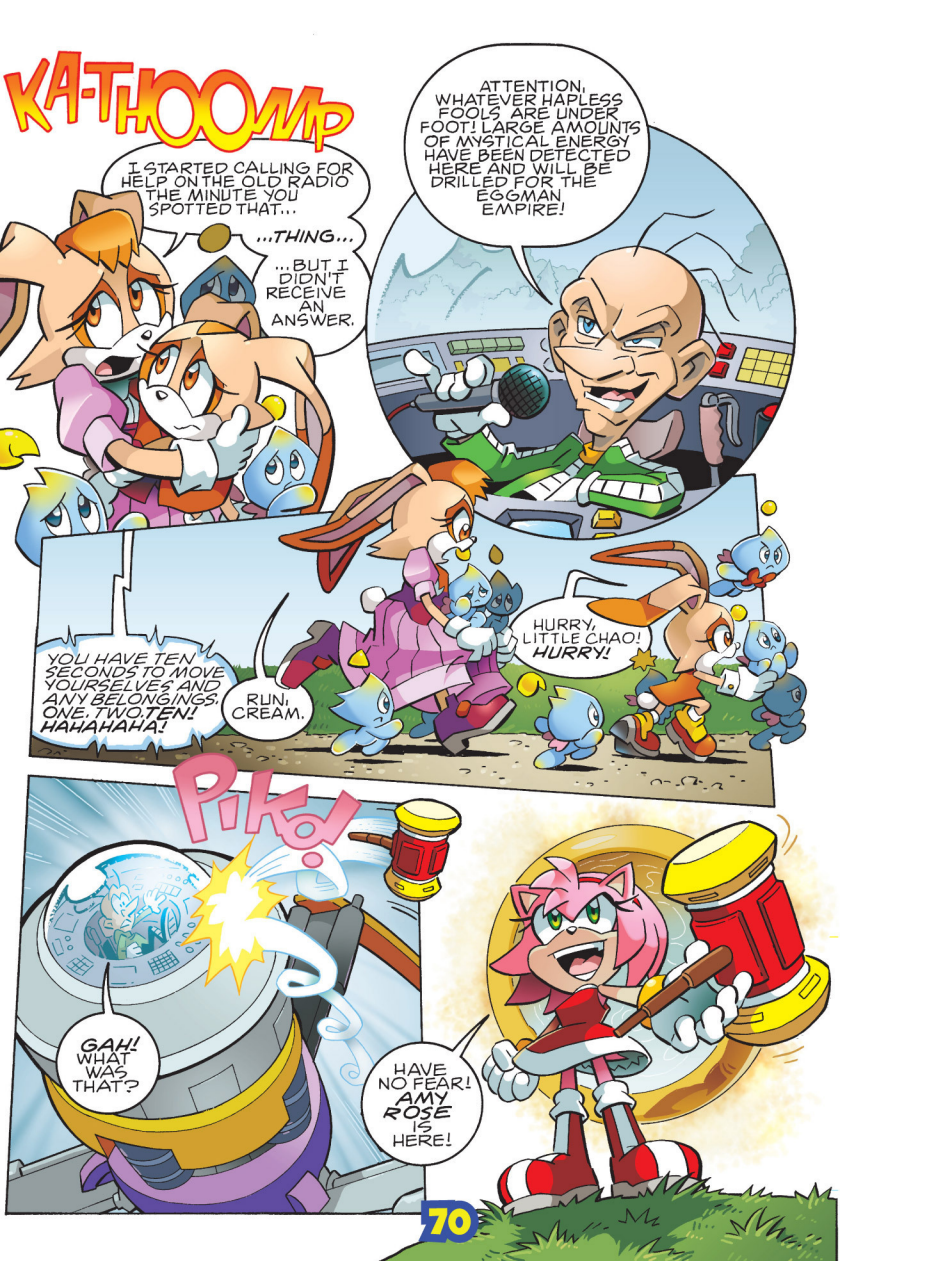
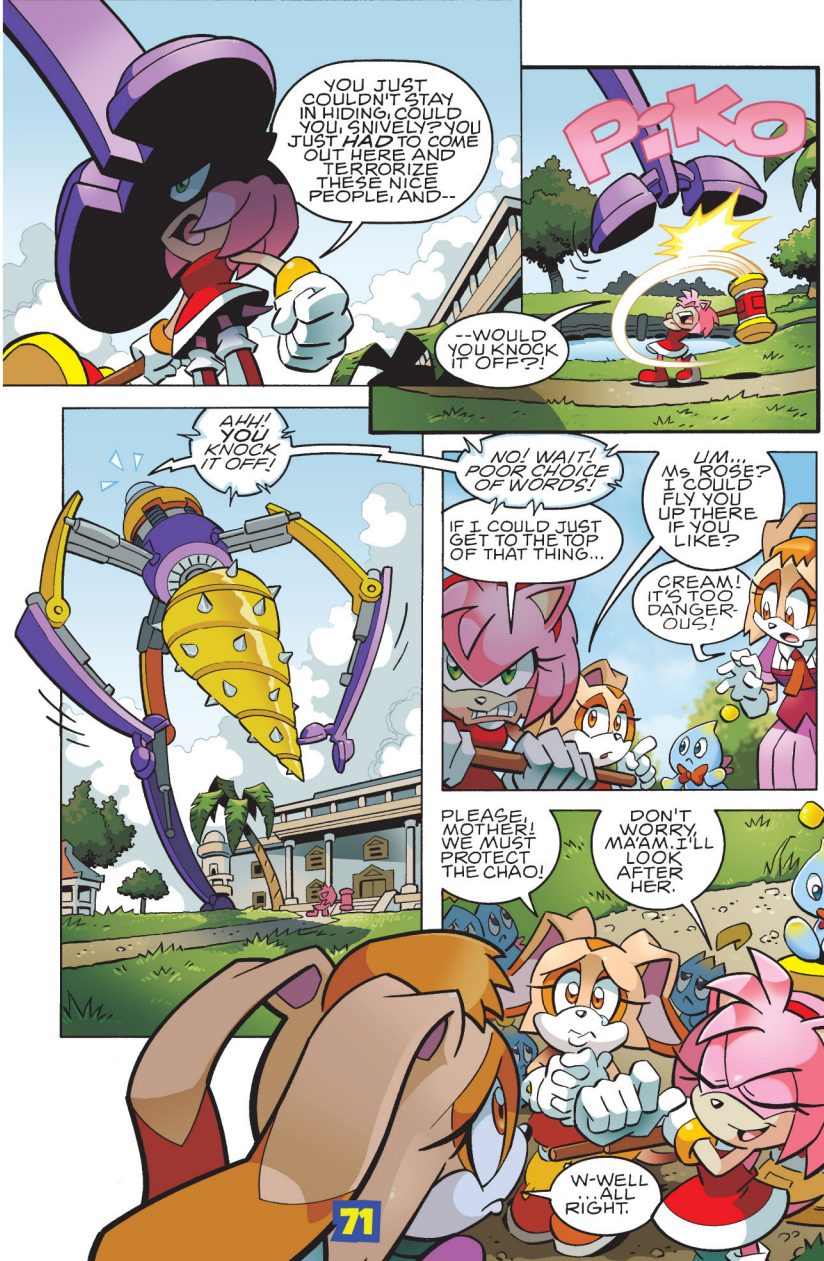
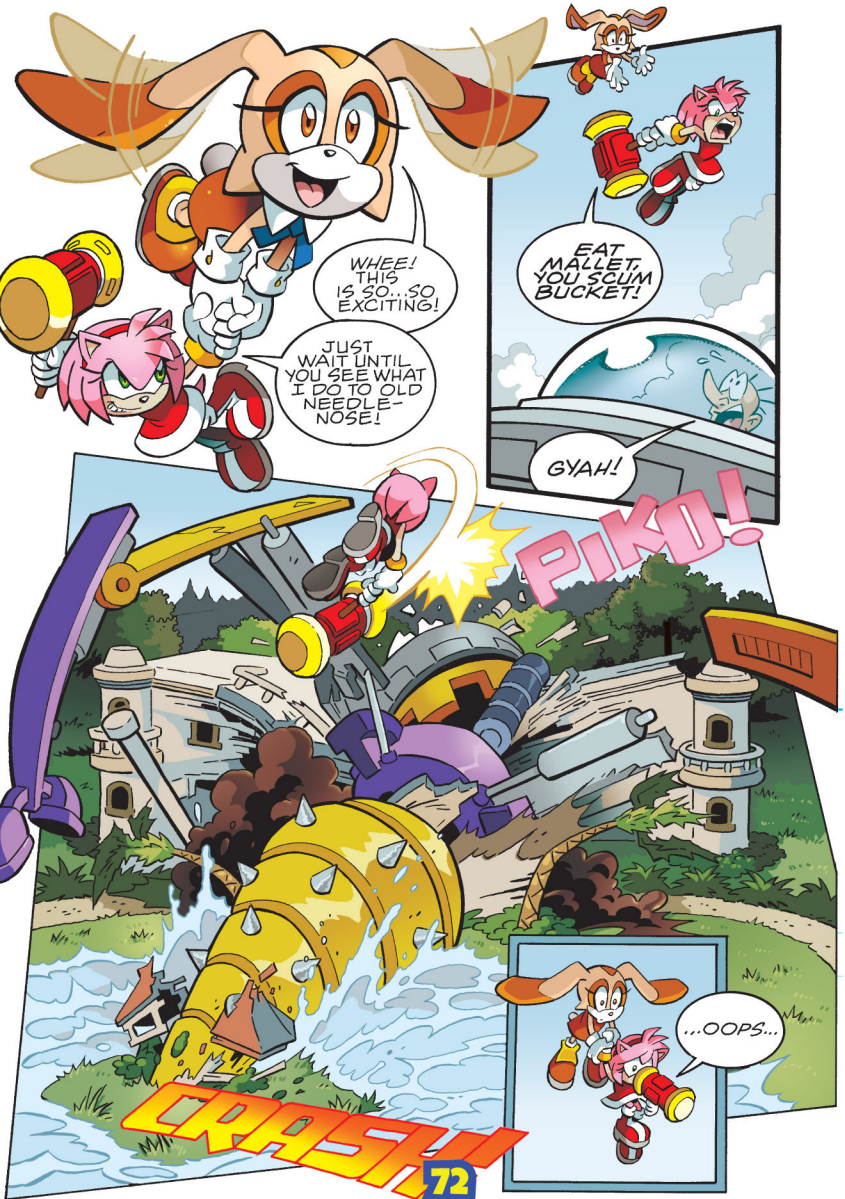
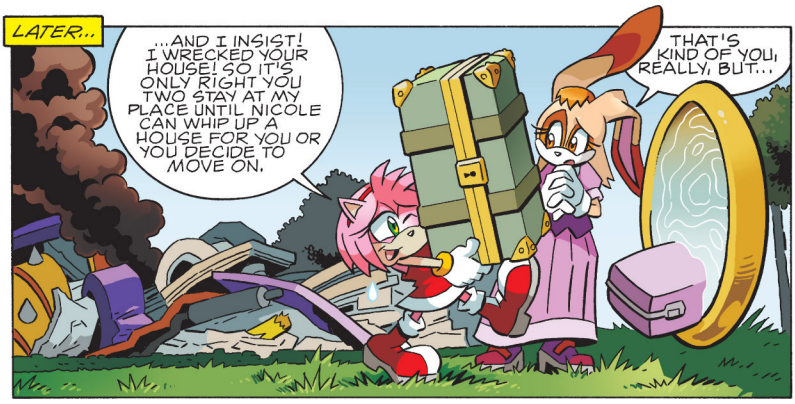
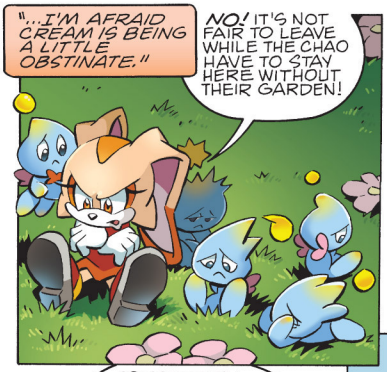
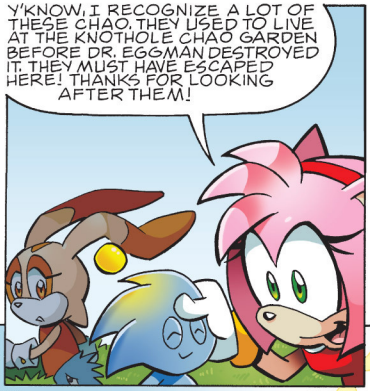

KA-THOOMP
I STARTED CALLING FOR HELP ON THE OLD RADIO THE MINUTE YOU SPOTTED THAT...
...THING...
...BUT I DIDN'T RECEIVE AN ANSWER.
ATTENTION, WHATEVER HAPLESS FOOLS ARE UNDER FOOT! LARGE AMOUNTS OF MYSTICAL ENERGY HAVE BEEN DETECTED HERE AND WILL BE DRILLED FOR THE EGGMAN EMPIRE!
YOU HAVE TEN SECONDS TO MOVE YOURSELVES AND ANY BELONGINGS. ONE...TWO...TEN! HAHAHAHA!
RUN, CREAM.
HURRY, LITTLE CHAO! HURRY!
PIKO!
GAH! WHAT WAS THAT?
HAVE NO FEAR! AMY ROSE IS HERE!


YOU JUST COULDN'T STAY IN HIDING, COULD YOU, SNIVELY? YOU JUST *HAD* TO COME OUT HERE AND TERRORIZE THESE NICE PEOPLE, AND--
--WOULD YOU KNOCK IT OFF?!
Piko
AHH! YOU KNOCK IT OFF!
NO! WAIT! POOR CHOICE OF WORDS!
IF I COULD JUST GET TO THE TOP OF THAT THING...
UM... Ms ROSE? I COULD FLY YOU UP THERE IF YOU LIKE?
CREAM! IT'S TOO DANGER-OUS!
PLEASE, MOTHER! WE MUST PROTECT THE CHAO!
DON'T WORRY, MA'AM. I'LL LOOK AFTER HER.
W-WELL ...ALL RIGHT.


WHEE! THIS IS SO...SO EXCITING!
JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE WHAT I DO TO OLD NEEDLE-NOSE!
EAT MALLET, YOU SCUM BUCKET!
GYAH!
PIKO!
...OOPS...
CRASH!


LATER...
...AND I INSIST! I WRECKED YOUR HOUSE! SO IT'S ONLY RIGHT YOU TWO STAY AT MY PLACE UNTIL NICOLE CAN WHIP UP A HOUSE FOR YOU OR YOU DECIDE TO MOVE ON.
THAT'S KIND OF YOU, REALLY, BUT...




Y'KNOW, I RECOGNIZE A LOT OF THESE CHAO. THEY USED TO LIVE AT THE KNOTHOLE CHAO GARDEN BEFORE DR. EGGMAN DESTROYED IT. THEY MUST HAVE ESCAPED HERE! THANKS FOR LOOKING AFTER THEM!

SO NOW WE'LL RETURN THE FAVOR! I'M SURE NICOLE CAN TURN OUR LAKE OF RINGS INTO A CHAO GARDEN IN NO TIME!
REALLY?
SO ALL THE CHAO CAN COME WITH US TO THE BIG CITY?!
YOU BET!

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Today's Episode: KNOTHOLE

Puppet: *Botchagaloopie!!!*

Wentos: That... what? That's not a word, Puppet. You should just say "hello".

Puppet: It's-a the secret word for ***today***, Wentos! Just-a wait and-a see! You-a say-a the word and a duck with the goofedy eyebrows and a cigar falls from-a da ceiling! ***Fantastic!***

Wentos: That's not fantastic, Puppet. That's just silly.

Puppet: *Hmf.* Then-a you-a come-a up with-a the better secret word, you-a the wise-a guy.

Wentos: Hm. How about *botulism*?

Puppet: EUGH!!! No!!! That's... that's a horrible and awful disease, Wentos!

Wentos: Yes. And apparently, so is this conversation. Hey-yo. So, Puppet, what area of Planet Mobius are we introducing our great readers of **Sonic Super Digest** to today?

KNOTHOLE VILLAGE
Acorn Hideaway & Retreat

Puppet: **The Great Forest** and-a the Kingdom of Knot-a-hole, Wentos! Former home to-a **Sonic the Hedgehog** and his merry band of **Freedom Fighters**!

Wentos: And also -- maybe some botulism?

Puppet: THERE'S-A NO BOTULISM! CUT IT OUT!!!

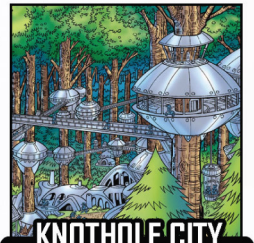
Wentos: Hahaha! Say, Puppet... how come this place is all barren and burned to the ground?

Puppet: Well, Wentos, read-a our profile page and-a see for yourself...

SONIC'S UNIVERSE:

THE GREAT FOREST AND KNOTHOLE VILLAGE

The **Great Forest** is a broadleaf forest that dominates most of the **Northamer** continent. Many trees are hundreds of years old, especially at the center. It is so large and so thick that it conceals the shallow Great Valley from aerial view. The **Great Valley** was once part of a network of limestone caves washed out and exposed to the world thousands of years ago. It was the perfect place for **Knothole Village**. The limestone caverns in the surrounding land remained accessible, which served the needs of their residents well. Knothole was an ancient settlement adopted by **Mobotropolis** and used primarily by the royal family and their court. After **Dr. Robotnik's** coup d'état, it served as the staging grounds for the **Original Freedom Fighters** and the homes for the next generation. The second generation of **Freedom Fighters** used one cave in particular as their clubhouse. Over time it would become their base and eventually **Freedom HQ**.



KNOTHOLE CITY
Techno-Organic Capital of the Acorn Kingdom

Knothole remained a small, rustic village for a long time. At the end of the **First Robotnik War** it became a refuge for the **Robians**. At the start of the **Second Robotnik War** it hosted both Robians and Mobians, but not comfortably. The village reached its breaking point when it also hosted the Overlanders who had returned from space, although the Overlanders moved on to the **United Federation**.

THE GREAT WASTES
Burnt Desolate Wasteland

For a time, the village existed in a **pocket zone** three hours in the future, though this was reversed. During **Sonic's** year in space the village expanded and became **Knothole City**. Since its location was already known to the **Eggman Empire**, the city opted to flourish and the Freedom Fighters fought to protect it. Ultimately, the overwhelming might of the empire won out and the village was burned to the ground. The barren area is now known as the **Great Wastes**.

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ABOUT THE GAME!

BOX ART
America and Japan

Released: 1993
Genre: Action, Pinball
Platforms: Sega Genesis/ Megadrive, Steam, Gamecube, Playstation 2
Where Can I Find it?: Wii Virtual Console

EVERYONE
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CONTENT RATED BY ESRB

Welcome to **Sonic the Hedgehog Spinball!**

When **Doctor Robotnik** creates his new **Veg-O-Fortress** atop **Mount Mobius**, Sonic must travel through its four regions, collecting the **Chaos Emeralds** and stopping the Doctor's deadly plans for good!

Our favorite hedgehog already spindashes over the landscape, so a pinball game was the next natural step for our spiny blue hero!

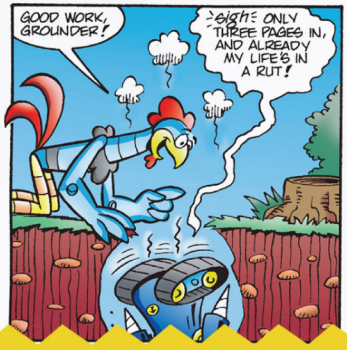
A pun on "pinball" and Sonic's "spin" attack, Spinball features four large pinball 'tables' which double as its levels: **Toxic Caves** (a toxic-sludge sewer beneath the mountain, **Lava Powerhouse** (a steam-powered substation), **The Machine** (a giant roboticizer), and **The Showdown** (a launchpad at the top of the fortress).

It's a hard game, but really fun!

FUN FACTS!

DID YOU KNOW that **Spinball** is the only game besides **Dr. Robotnik's Mean Bean Machine** where you'll find cameos of **Scratch** and **Grounder**, characters from the early days of the comic and the **Adventures of Sonic** cartoon?

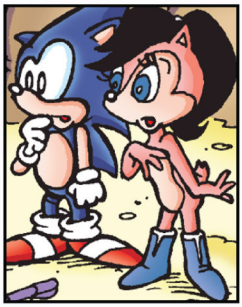
DID YOU KNOW that there's a rollercoaster named after the game? Previously called the *Spinball Whizzer*, you can find **Sonic Spinball: The Ride** at the *Alton Towers* theme park in Staffordshire, England. The ride is designed to look like a pinball machine with its rail karts themed around Sonic, Tails, Knuckles, Amy and Eggman! Announcements are voiced by Sonic and video game music plays while you ride it!



SONIC SPINBALL

Pinball Pandemonium!

DID YOU KNOW that in two of the Spinball bonus games, *"Trapped Alive"* and *"The March,"* you can find cameos of **Sally, Bunnie, Muttski** and **Rotor** from the early Sonic comics? This was done as an attempt to introduce Japanese audiences to the American characters. To date, Spinball is the only Sonic game where you can find them! Even better, Sally is in her earlier pink model, just like our story!



DID YOU KNOW that the games' Chaos Emerald total comes to a whopping sixteen as opposed to the standard seven -- and they're all the color blue? Emerald totals did vary in the earliest Sonic games, but never to that large an extent!

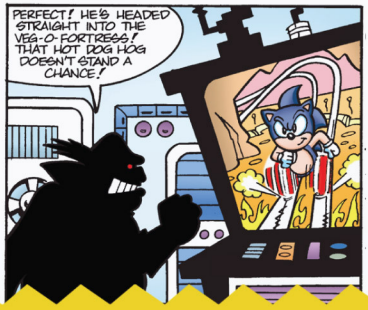
ABOUT THE COMIC!

Our **Sonic Spinball** adaptation first appeared in **Sonic the Hedgehog #6** -- it was the first Sonic game tie-in ever done by Archie Comics!

The comic covers the first three stages and introduces two badnik bosses, **Rexxon** and **Scorpius**, to Sonic comics! It also introduces **Mount Mobius** which shows up later in this very issue when **Sonic** and **Tails** fight the very first **Metal Sonic**!

This story also marks the first appearances of **Hip** and **Hop** -- two kangaroos who would later appear in awesome stories like the epilogue to *"Mecha Madness"* (**Sonic Archives #11**) and *"The Trial of Geoffrey St. John"* (**Sonic the Hedgehog #233**)! Both kangaroos speak in monotone, finish the other's sentences and run the Kingdom of Acorns' "Kangaroo Court"!

This is the only game adaptation to feature the pink design of Princess Sally, as she wasn't changed to her current design until *ten issues* later!



And that's our game-to-comic trivia for today! We hope you enjoy **Sonic the Hedgehog** in *"The Spin Doctor,"* courtesy of **SEGA** and **Archie Comics**!

ON WITH THE SHOW!

Archie
ADVENTURE SERIES
NO.6
JAN.
HAVE A SUPER SONIC HOLIDAY SEASON!
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG™
SONIC SUPER DIGEST
ENDLESS ARCADE COMICS FEATURE!
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG SPINBALL™
IS HARD ENOUGH WITHOUT HAVING TO WEAR THIS!
I TOLD YOU: THIS IS A "COMIC BOOK TIE-IN!"
DAVE MANAK / HENRY SCARPELLI
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG in
THE SPIN DOCTOR!
WILL LEAD US INTO BATTLE!
CHARGE, Y'ALL!
FOLLOW ME, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
STORY MIKE GALLAGHER
PENCILS DAVE MANAK
INKING HENRY SCARPELLI
LETTERING DAN NAKROSIS
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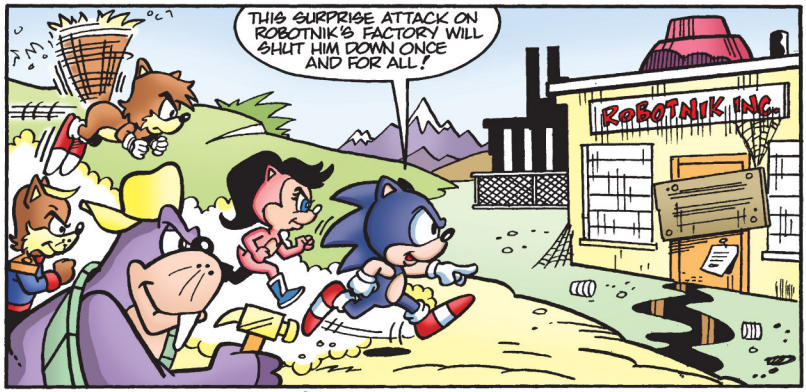
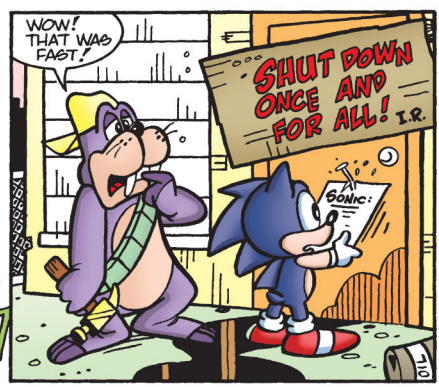
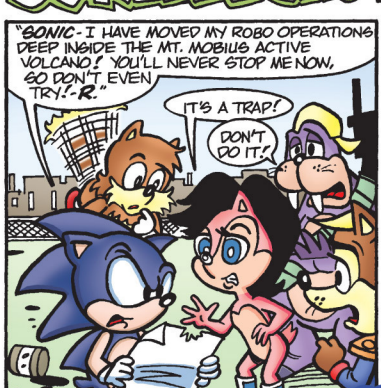
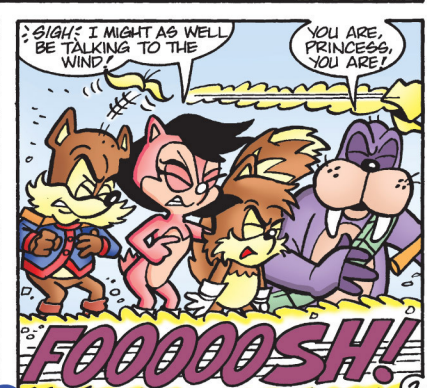
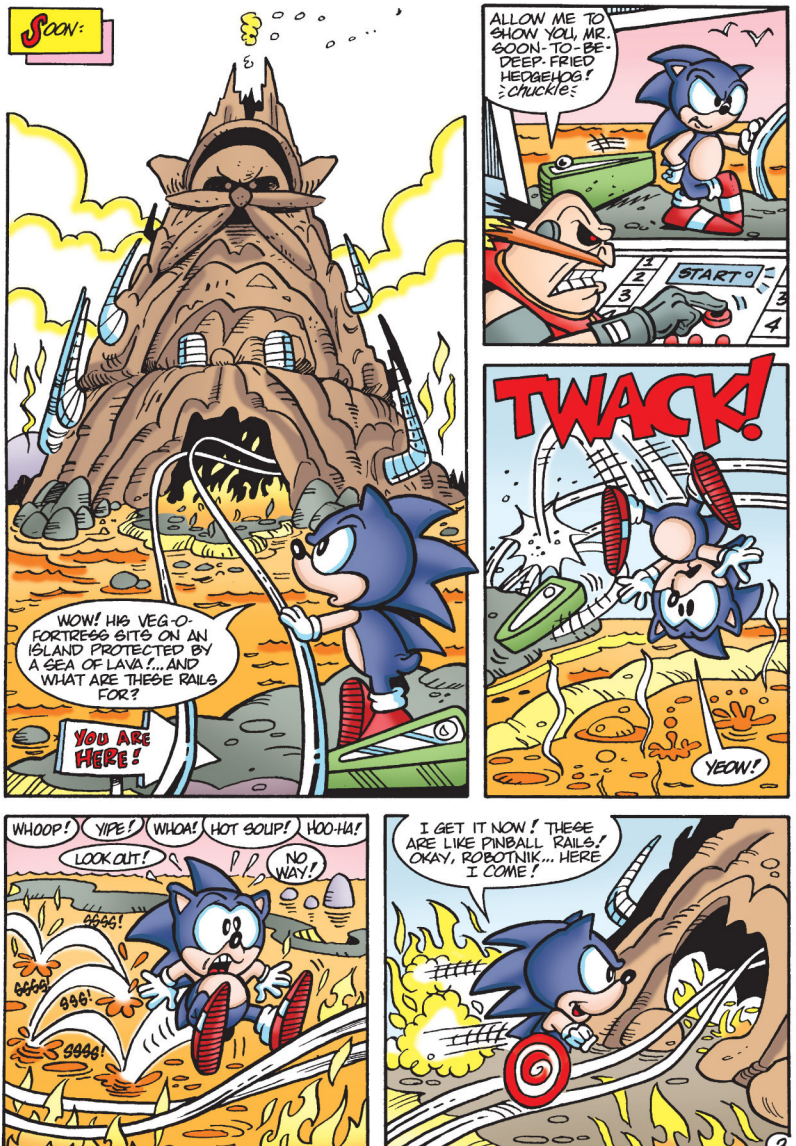

THIS SURPRISE ATTACK ON ROBOTNIK'S FACTORY WILL SHUT HIM DOWN ONCE AND FOR ALL!
ROBOTNIK INC.

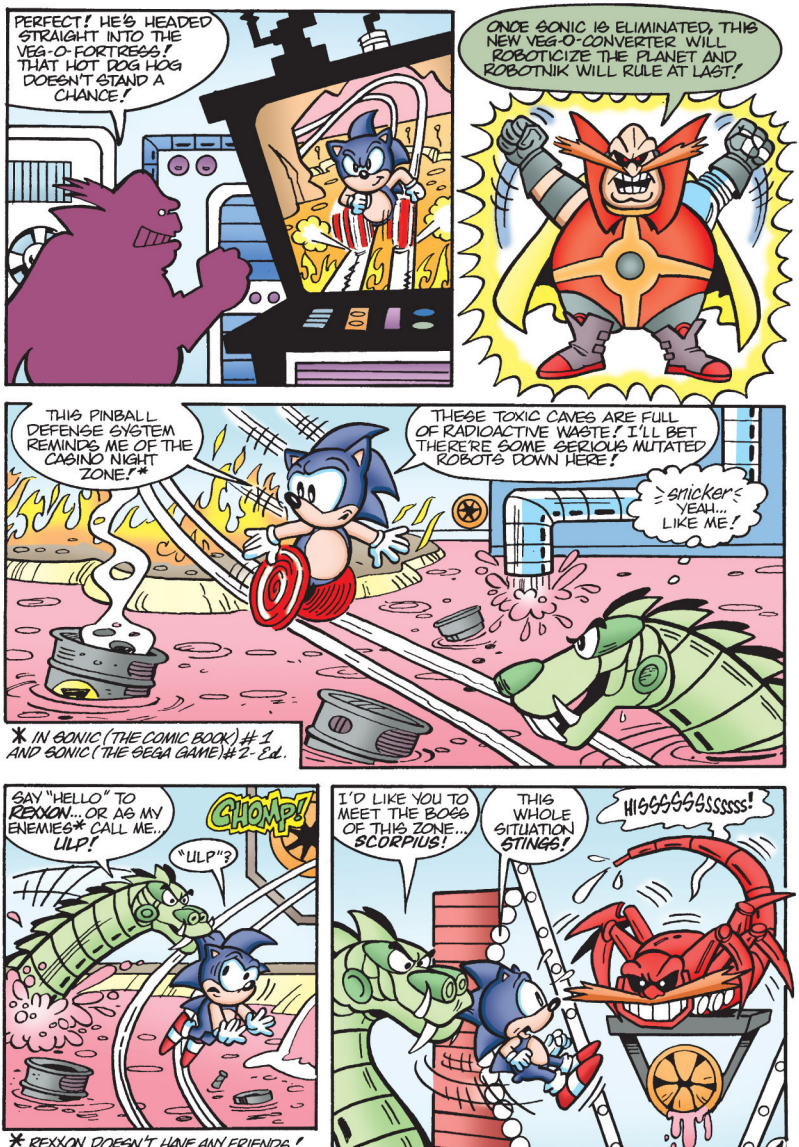
HUH?
SCREEEECH!


WOW! THAT WAS FAST!
SHUT DOWN ONCE AND FOR ALL! I.R.
SONIC:


"SONIC- I HAVE MOVED MY ROBO OPERATIONS DEEP INSIDE THE MT. MOBIUS ACTIVE VOLCANO! YOU'LL NEVER STOP ME NOW, SO DON'T EVEN TRY! -R."
IT'S A TRAP!
DON'T DO IT!


SIGH: I MIGHT AS WELL BE TALKING TO THE WIND!
YOU ARE, PRINCESS, YOU ARE!
FOOOOOSH!


SOON:
WOW! HIS VEG-O-FORTRESS SITS ON AN ISLAND PROTECTED BY A SEA OF LAVA!... AND WHAT ARE THESE RAILS FOR?
YOU ARE HERE!
ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU, MR. SOON-TO-BE-DEEP-FRIED HEDGEHOG! :CHUCKLE:
START
TWACK!
YEOW!
WHOOP!
YIPE!
WHOA!
HOT SOUP!
HOO-HA!
LOOK OUT!
NO WAY!
I GET IT NOW! THESE ARE LIKE PINBALL RAILS! OKAY, ROBOTNIK... HERE I COME!


PERFECT! HE'S HEADED STRAIGHT INTO THE VEG-O-FORTRESS! THAT HOT DOG HOG DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE!
ONCE SONIC IS ELIMINATED, THIS NEW VEG-O-CONVERTER WILL ROBOTICIZE THE PLANET AND ROBOTNIK WILL RULE AT LAST!
THIS PINBALL DEFENSE SYSTEM REMINDS ME OF THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE!*
THESE TOXIC CAVES ARE FULL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE! I'LL BET THERE'RE SOME SERIOUS MUTATED ROBOTS DOWN HERE!
snicker YEAH... LIKE ME!
* IN SONIC (THE COMIC BOOK) #1 AND SONIC (THE SEGA GAME) #2- Ed.
SAY "HELLO" TO REXXON... OR AS MY ENEMIES* CALL ME.. LILP!
CHOMP!
"LILP"?
* REXXON DOESN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS!
I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET THE BOSS OF THIS ZONE... SCORPIUS!
THIS WHOLE SITUATION STINGS!
HISSSSSSSSSSS!
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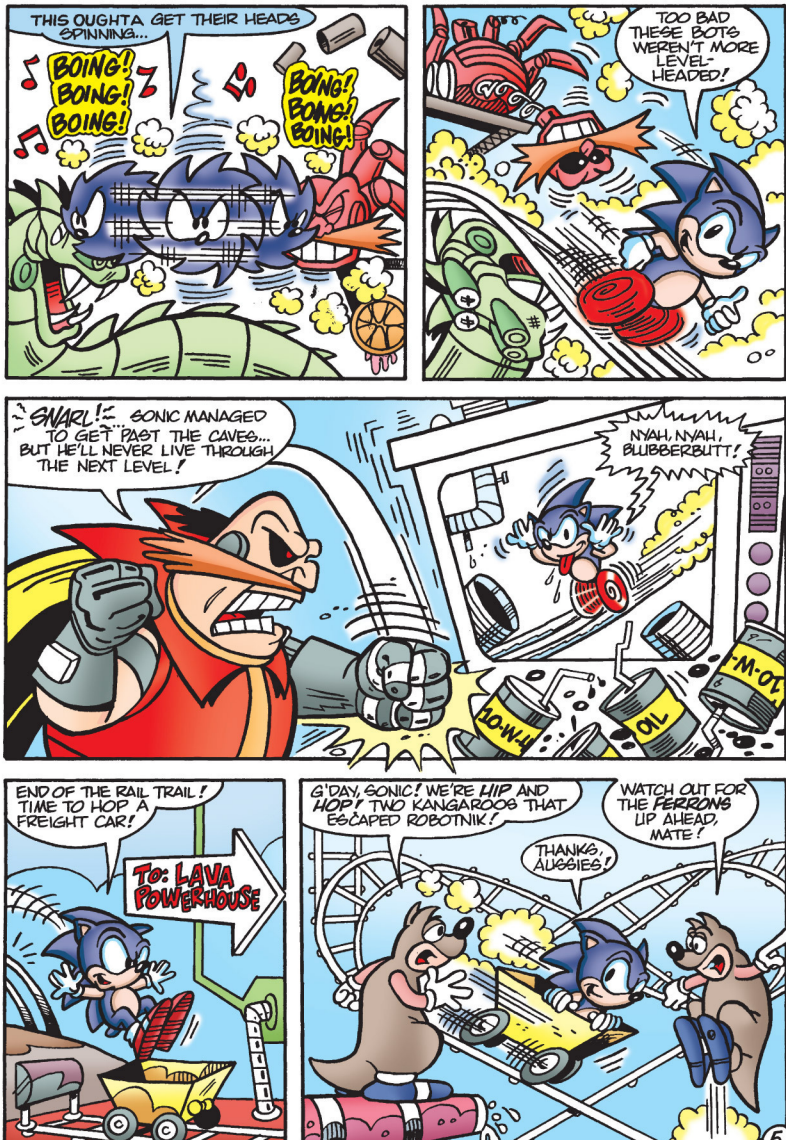
THIS OUGHTA GET THEIR HEADS SPINNING...
BOING! BOING! BOING!
BOING! BOING! BOING!
TOO BAD THESE BOTS WEREN'T MORE LEVEL-HEADED!
SNARL!= SONIC MANAGED TO GET PAST THE CAVES... BUT HE'LL NEVER LIVE THROUGH THE NEXT LEVEL!
NYAH, NYAH, BLUBBERBUTT!
LAVA
OIL
OIL
END OF THE RAIL TRAIL! TIME TO HOP A FREIGHT CAR!
TO: LAVA POWERHOUSE
G'DAY, SONIC! WE'RE HIP AND HOP! TWO KANGAROOS THAT ESCAPED ROBOTNIK!
WATCH OUT FOR THE FERRONS UP AHEAD, MATE!
THANKS, AUSSIES!
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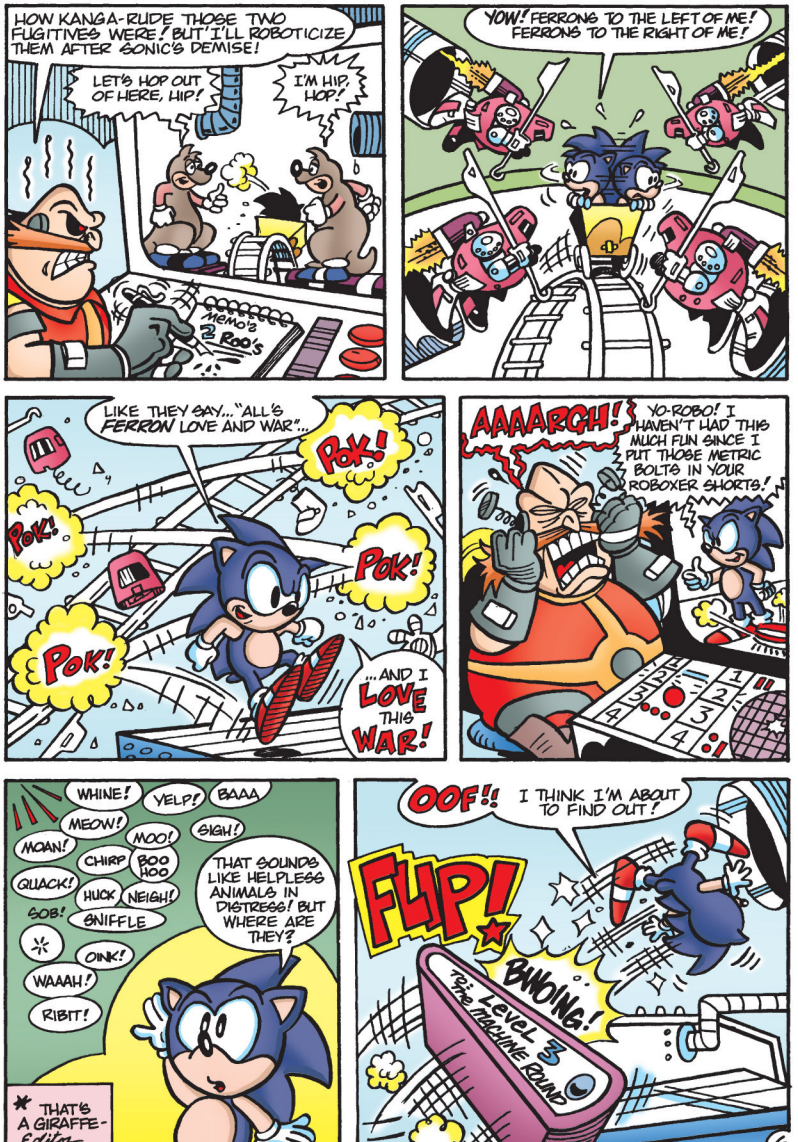
HOW KANGA-RUDE THOSE TWO FUGITIVES WERE! BUT I'LL ROBOTICIZE THEM AFTER SONIC'S DEMISE!
LET'S HOP OUT OF HERE, HIP!
I'M HIP, HOP!
MEMO'S
ROO'S
YOW! FERRONS TO THE LEFT OF ME! FERRONS TO THE RIGHT OF ME!
LIKE THEY SAY... "ALL'S FERRON LOVE AND WAR"...
POK!
POK!
POK!
POK!
...AND I LOVE THIS WAR!
AAAARGH!
YO-ROBO! I HAVEN'T HAD THIS MUCH FUN SINCE I PUT THOSE METRIC BOLTS IN YOUR ROBOXER SHORTS!
WHINE!
YELP!
BAAA
MEOW!
MOO!
SIGH!
MOAN!
CHIRP
BOO HOO
QUACK!
HUCK
NEIGH!
SOB!
SNIFFLE
OINK!
WAAAH!
RIBIT!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE HELPLESS ANIMALS IN DISTRESS! BUT WHERE ARE THEY?
* THAT'S A GIRAFFE-Editor
OOF!!
I THINK I'M ABOUT TO FIND OUT!
FLIP!
BWOING!
Level 3 The MACHINE ROUND
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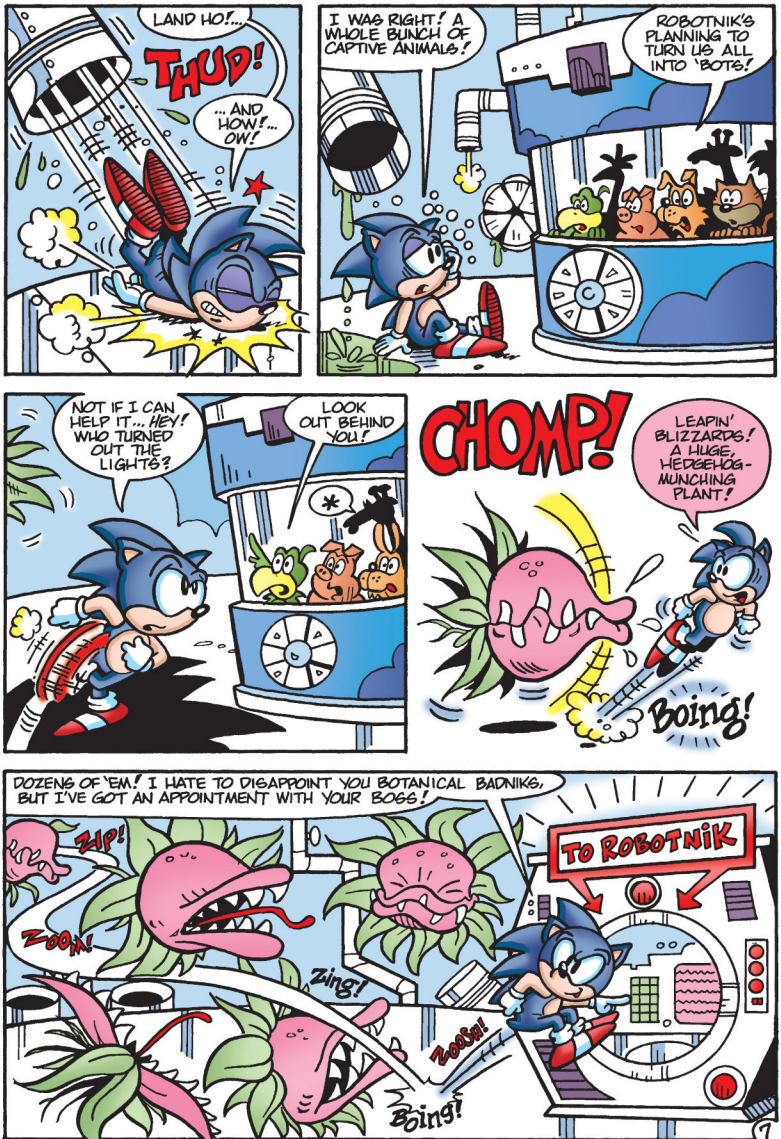
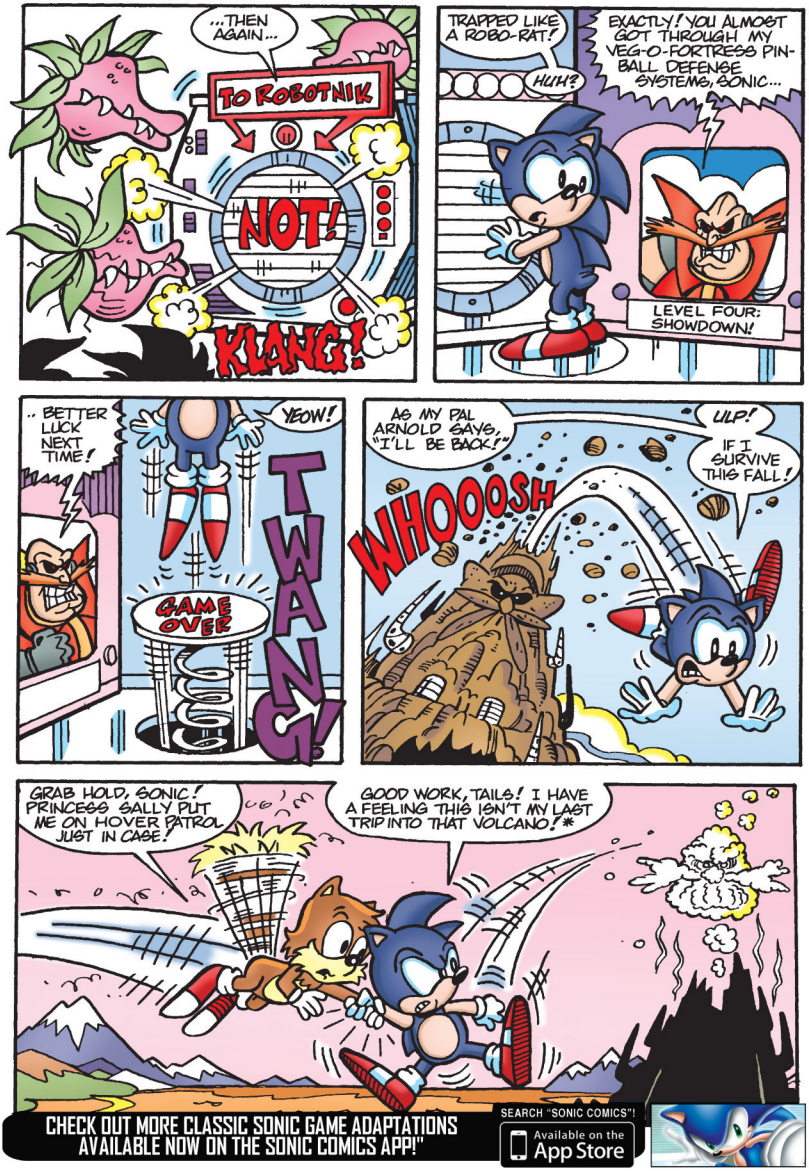

LAND HO!...
THUD!
...AND HOW!... OW!
I WAS RIGHT! A WHOLE BUNCH OF CAPTIVE ANIMALS!
ROBOTNIK'S PLANNING TO TURN US ALL INTO 'BOTS!
NOT IF I CAN HELP IT... HEY! WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?
LOOK OUT BEHIND YOU!
CHOMP!
LEAPIN' BLIZZARDS! A HUGE, HEDGEHOG-MUNCHING PLANT!
Boing!
DOZENS OF 'EM! I HATE TO DISAPPOINT YOU BOTANICAL BADNIKS, BUT I'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR BOSS!
TO ROBOTNIK
ZIP!
ZOOM!
Zing!
Zoosh!
Boing!


...THEN AGAIN...
TO ROBOTNIK
NOT!
KLANG!
TRAPPED LIKE A ROBO-RAT!
HUH?
EXACTLY! YOU ALMOST GOT THROUGH MY VEG-O-FORTRESS PIN-BALL DEFENSE SYSTEMS, SONIC...
LEVEL FOUR: SHOWDOWN!
.. BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!
YEOW!
GAME OVER
TWANG!
AS MY PAL ARNOLD SAYS, "I'LL BE BACK!"
WHOOOSH
ULP!
IF I SURVIVE THIS FALL!
GRAB HOLD, SONIC! PRINCESS SALLY PUT ME ON HOVER PATROL JUST IN CASE!
GOOD WORK, TAILS! I HAVE A FEELING THIS ISN'T MY LAST TRIP INTO THAT VOLCANO!*

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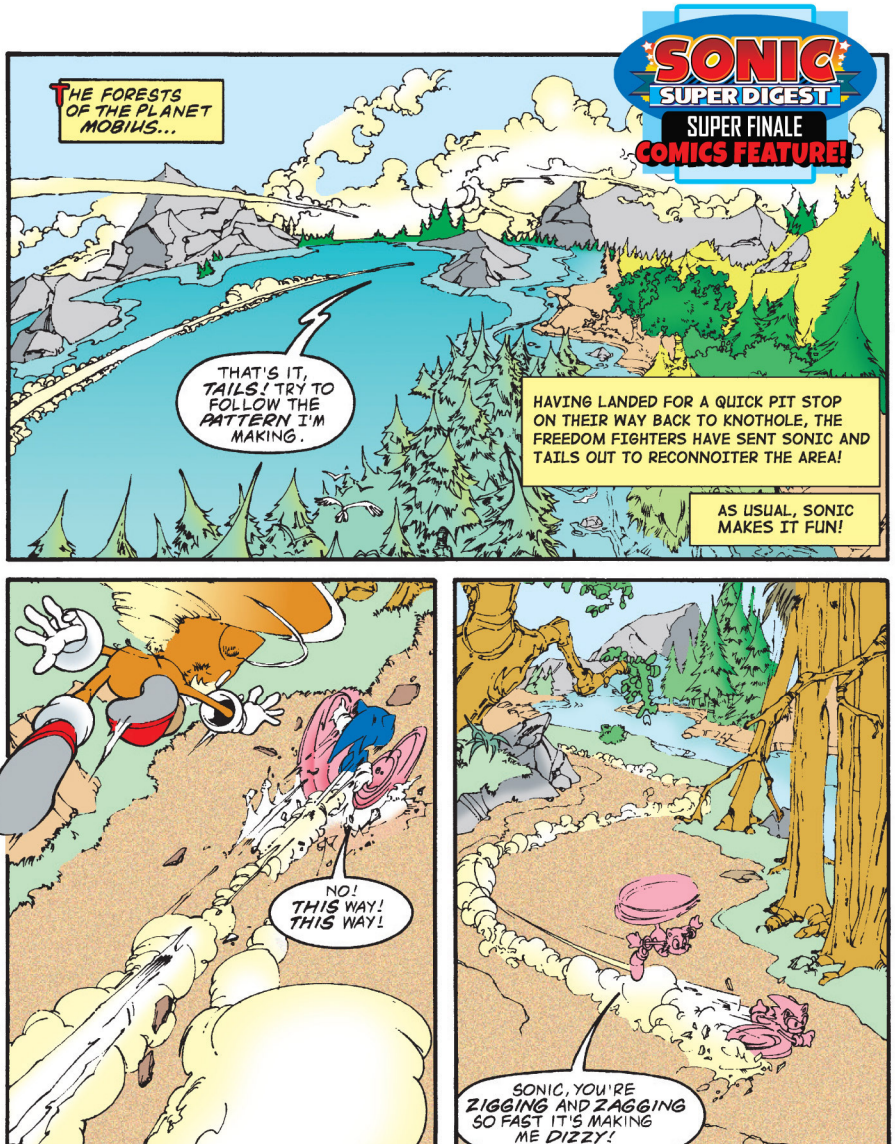
SONIC
SUPER DIGEST
SUPER FINALE
COMICS FEATURE!
THE FORESTS OF THE PLANET MOBIUS...
THAT'S IT, TAILS! TRY TO FOLLOW THE PATTERN I'M MAKING.
HAVING LANDED FOR A QUICK PIT STOP ON THEIR WAY BACK TO KNOTHOLE, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE SENT SONIC AND TAILS OUT TO RECONNOITER THE AREA!
AS USUAL, SONIC MAKES IT FUN!
NO! THIS WAY! THIS WAY!
SONIC, YOU'RE ZIGGING AND ZAGGING SO FAST IT'S MAKING ME DIZZY!

THAT'S IT, TAILS! YOU'VE GOT IT NOW!
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FOLLOW ANYBODY ANYWHERE!
AH, LOOK AT THEM. SO CHEERFUL AND OPTIMISTIC. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS SIDEKICK TAILS, THE FLYING FOX.
IT'S TOUCHING TO SEE THIS DISPLAY OF FRIENDSHIP--
SO TOUCHING TO SEE THOSE I HATE ENJOYING THEMSELVES...
...BECAUSE I KNOW THAT I WILL SOON TURN THEIR JOY TO TERROR!
HEART OF THE HEDGEHOG
part 1
EVIL'S RETURN
DANNY FINGEROTH WRITER
SAM MAXWELL PENCILER
SALEEM CRAWFORD INKER
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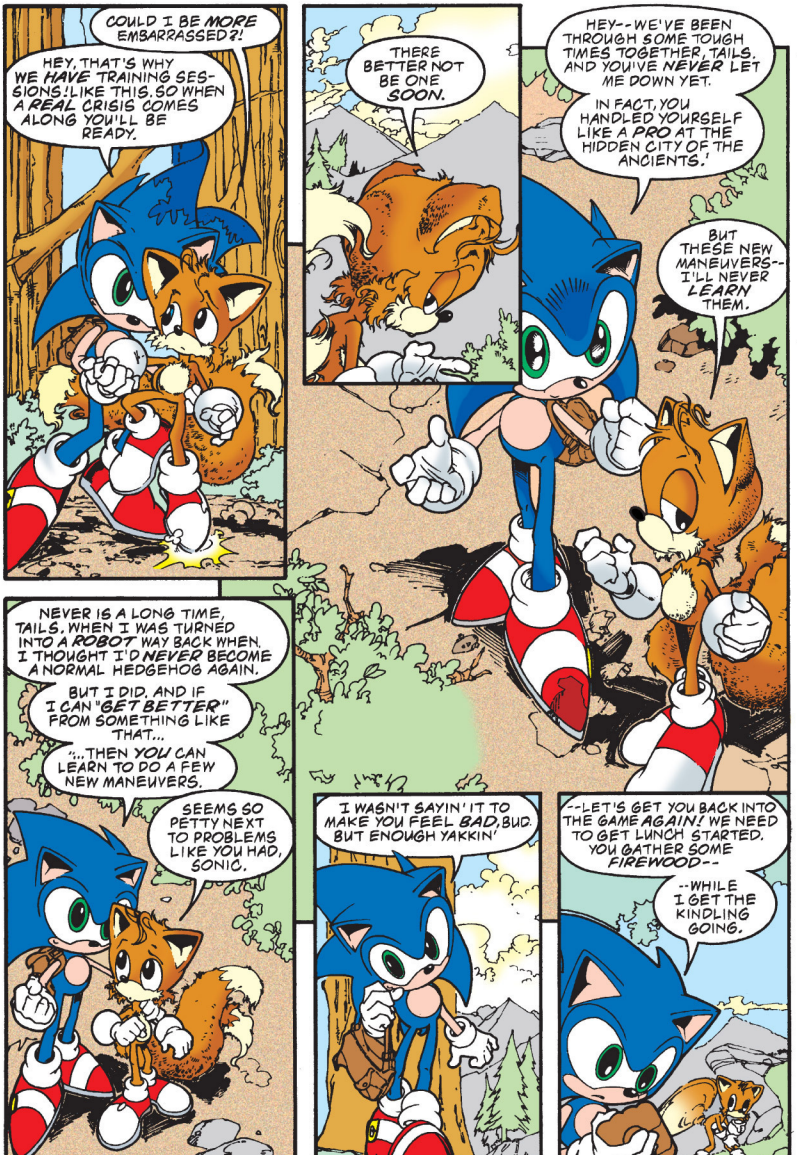
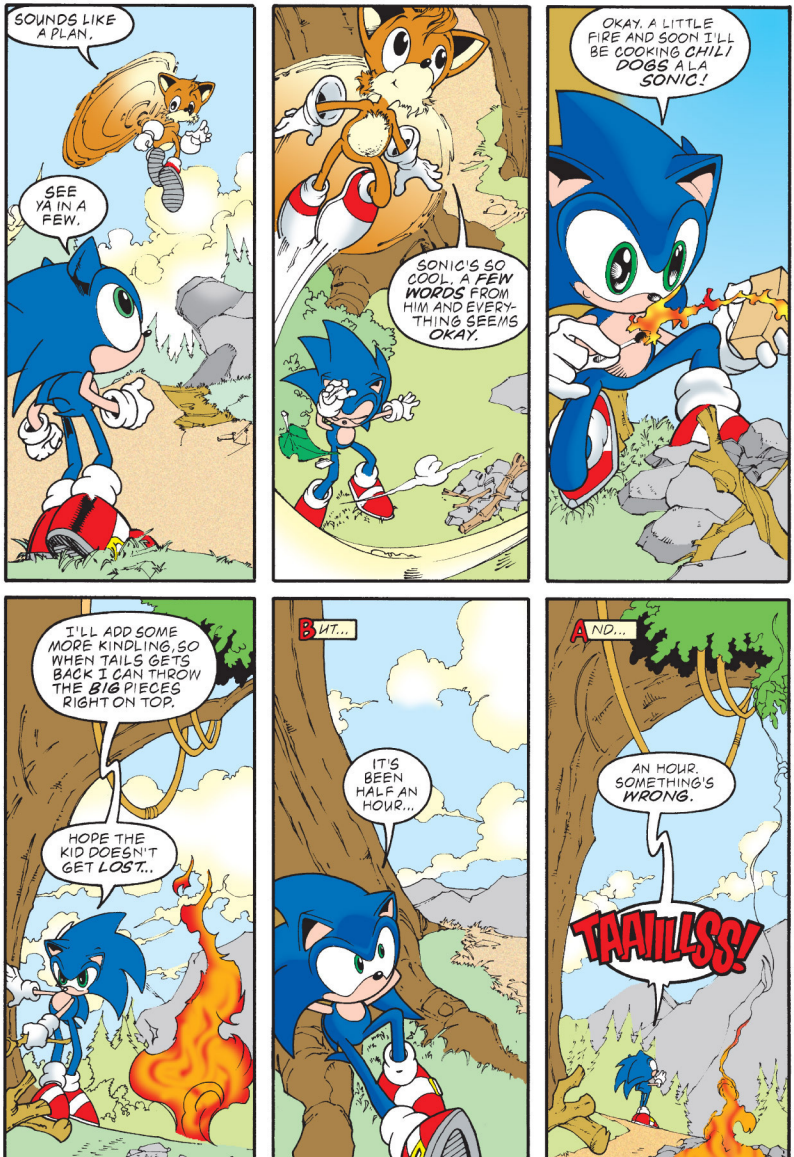
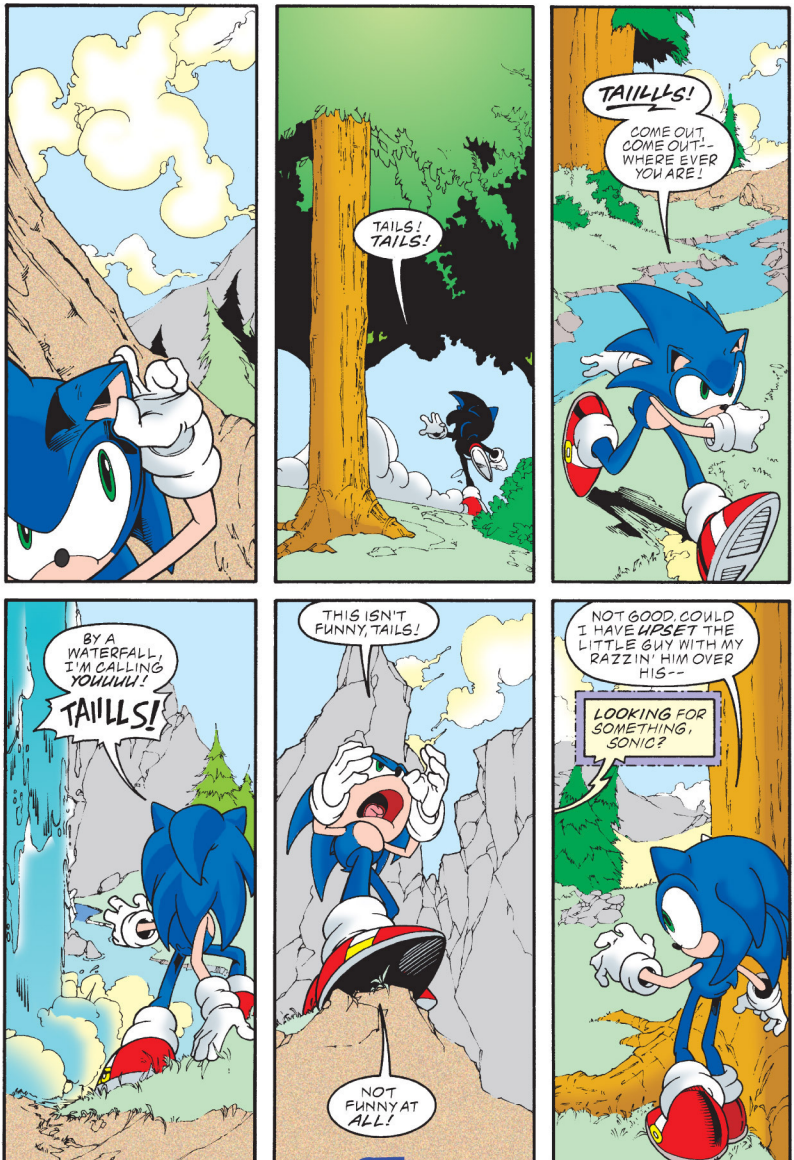
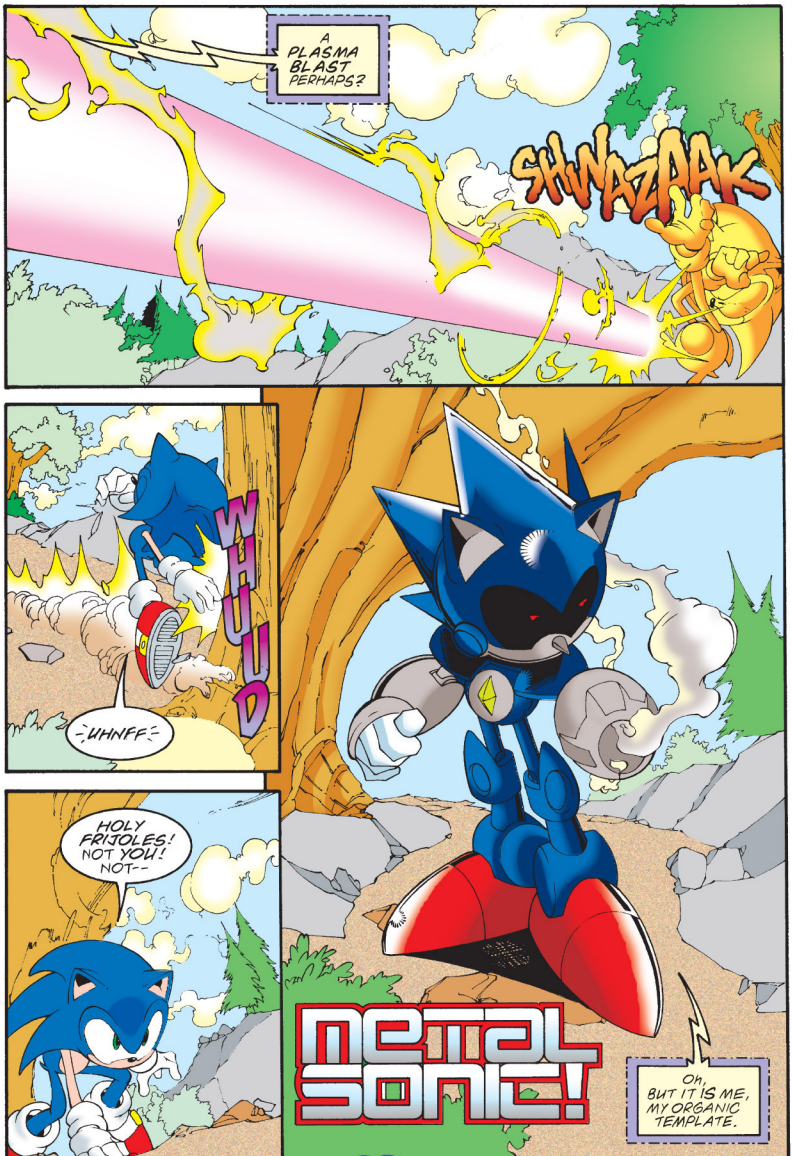
RICHARD GOLDWATER EDITOR IN CHIEF

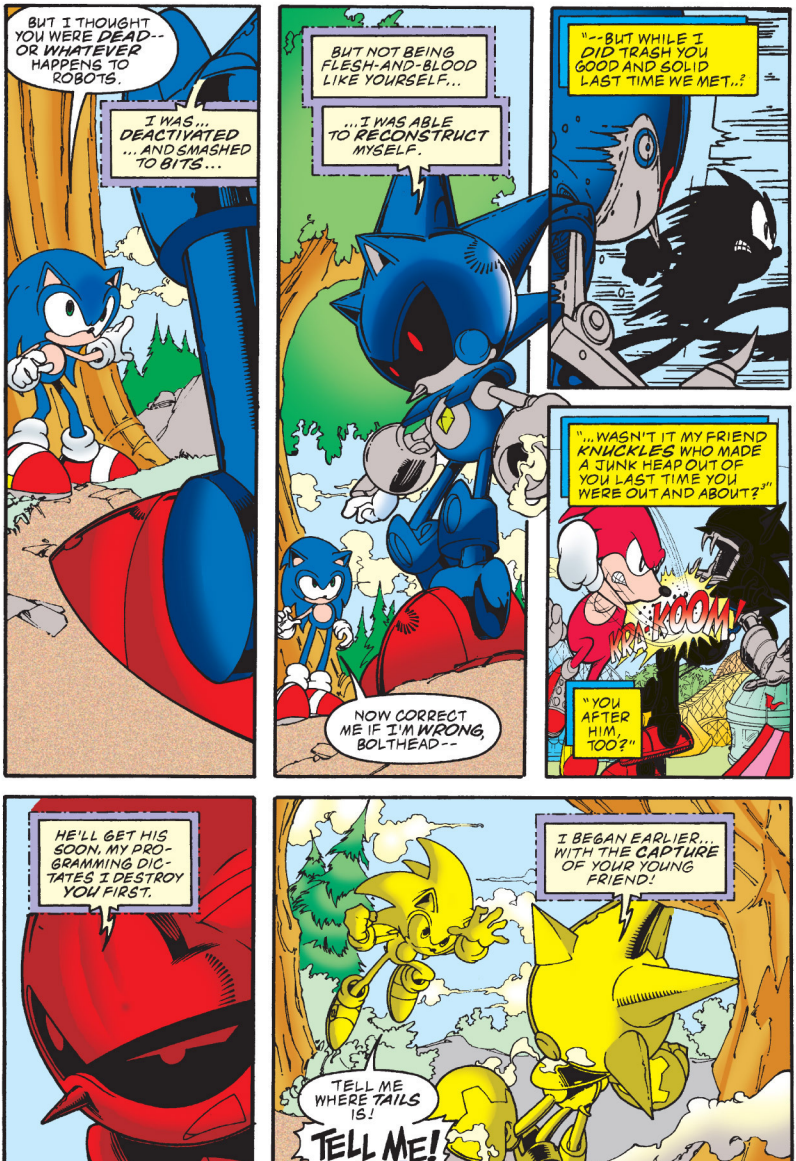
WHOA! THAT WIND KNOCKED ME OFF COURSE!
EASY, TAILS! GO WITH IT!
I CAN'T! IT'S TOO STRONG!
PULL UP! PULL UP!
I'M TRYIN'!
IT'S OKAY, LIL' BUDDY--
--I GOT YA!
FWUMP


COULD I BE MORE EMBARRASSED?!
HEY, THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TRAINING SESSIONS! LIKE THIS, SO WHEN A REAL CRISIS COMES ALONG YOU'LL BE READY.
THERE BETTER NOT BE ONE SOON.
HEY--WE'VE BEEN THROUGH SOME TOUGH TIMES TOGETHER, TAILS, AND YOU'VE NEVER LET ME DOWN YET.
IN FACT, YOU HANDLED YOURSELF LIKE A PRO AT THE HIDDEN CITY OF THE ANCIENTS.'
BUT THESE NEW MANEUVERS--I'LL NEVER LEARN THEM.
NEVER IS A LONG TIME, TAILS. WHEN I WAS TURNED INTO A ROBOT WAY BACK WHEN, I THOUGHT I'D NEVER BECOME A NORMAL HEDGEHOG AGAIN.
BUT I DID. AND IF I CAN "GET BETTER" FROM SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
"...THEN YOU CAN LEARN TO DO A FEW NEW MANEUVERS.
SEEMS SO PETTY NEXT TO PROBLEMS LIKE YOU HAD, SONIC.
I WASN'T SAYIN' IT TO MAKE YOU FEEL BAD, BUD. BUT ENOUGH YAKKIN'
--LET'S GET YOU BACK INTO THE GAME AGAIN! WE NEED TO GET LUNCH STARTED. YOU GATHER SOME FIREWOOD--
--WHILE I GET THE KINDLING GOING.

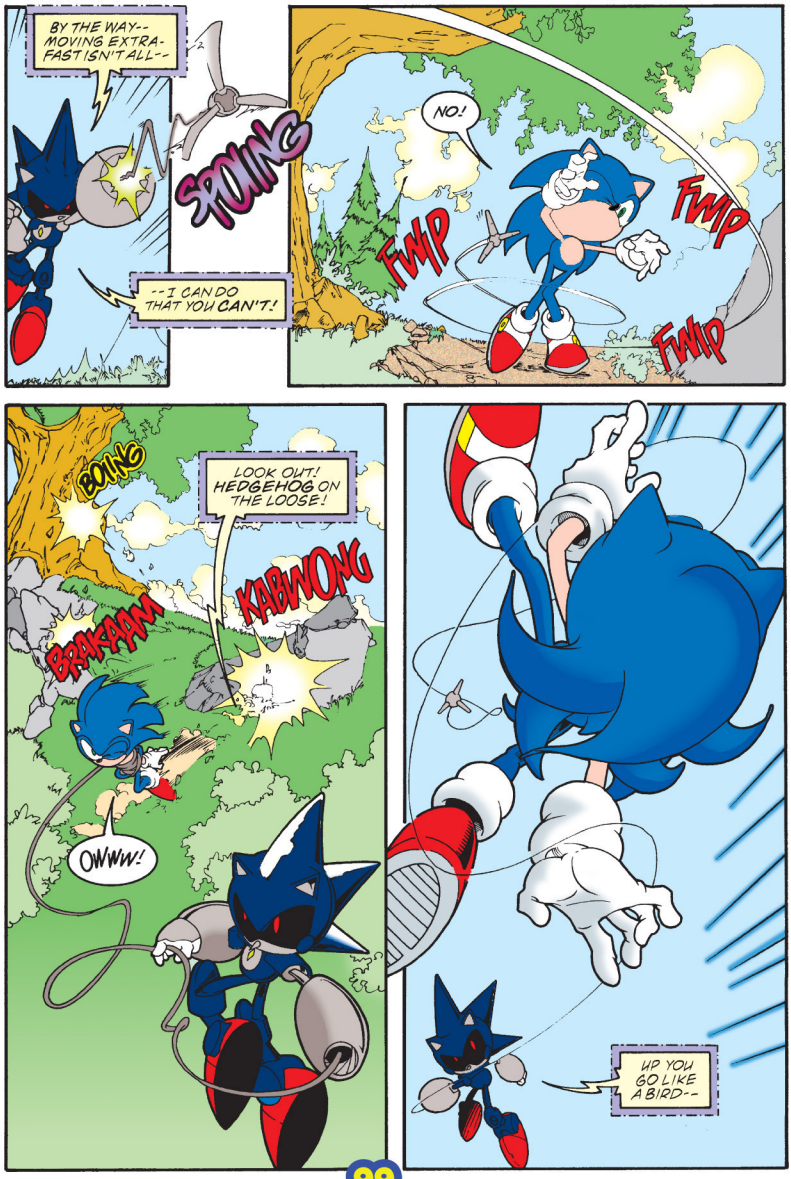

SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN.
SEE YA IN A FEW.
SONIC'S SO COOL. A FEW WORDS FROM HIM AND EVERYTHING SEEMS OKAY.
OKAY. A LITTLE FIRE AND SOON I'LL BE COOKING CHILI DOGS A LA SONIC!
I'LL ADD SOME MORE KINDLING, SO WHEN TAILS GETS BACK I CAN THROW THE BIG PIECES RIGHT ON TOP.
HOPE THE KID DOESN'T GET LOST...
BUT...
IT'S BEEN HALF AN HOUR...
AND...
AN HOUR. SOMETHING'S WRONG.
TAAIILSS!

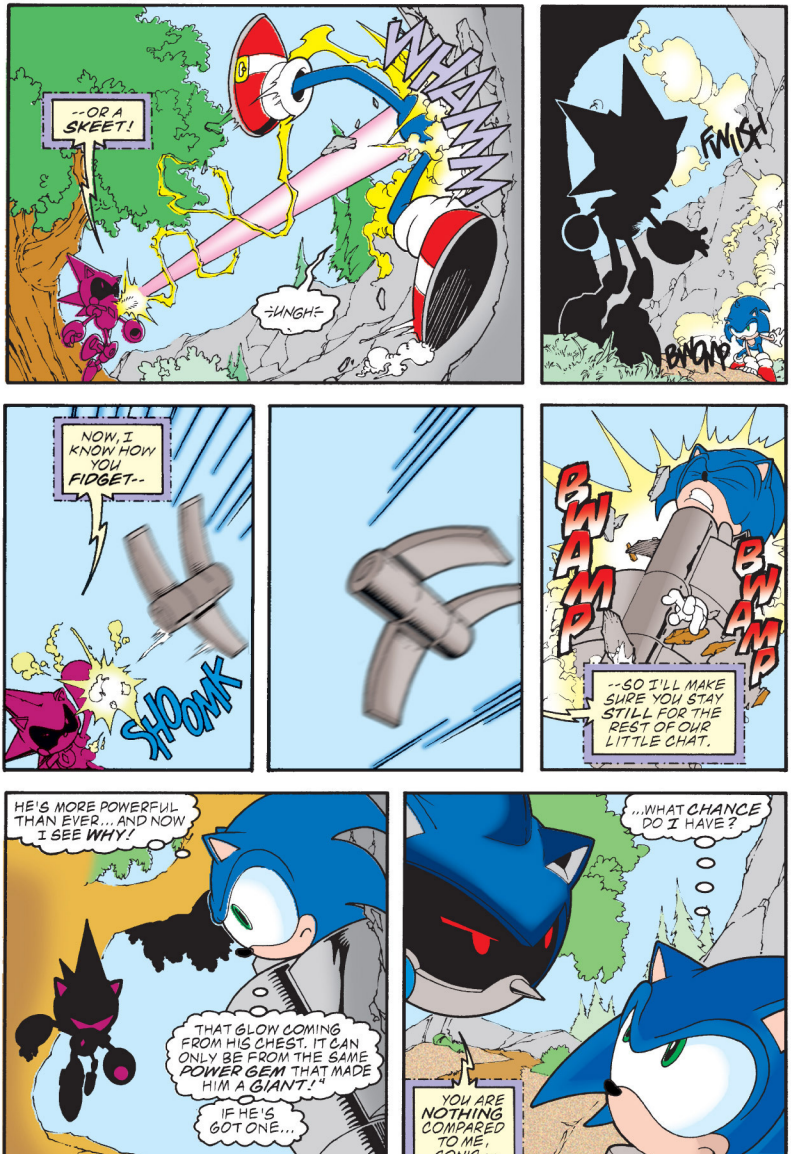

TAILS! TAILS!
TAILLLS!
COME OUT, COME OUT-- WHERE EVER YOU ARE!
BY A WATERFALL, I'M CALLING YOUUUU!
TAILLS!
THIS ISN'T FUNNY, TAILS!
NOT FUNNY AT ALL!
NOT GOOD. COULD I HAVE UPSET THE LITTLE GUY WITH MY RAZZIN' HIM OVER HIS--
LOOKING FOR SOMETHING, SONIC?

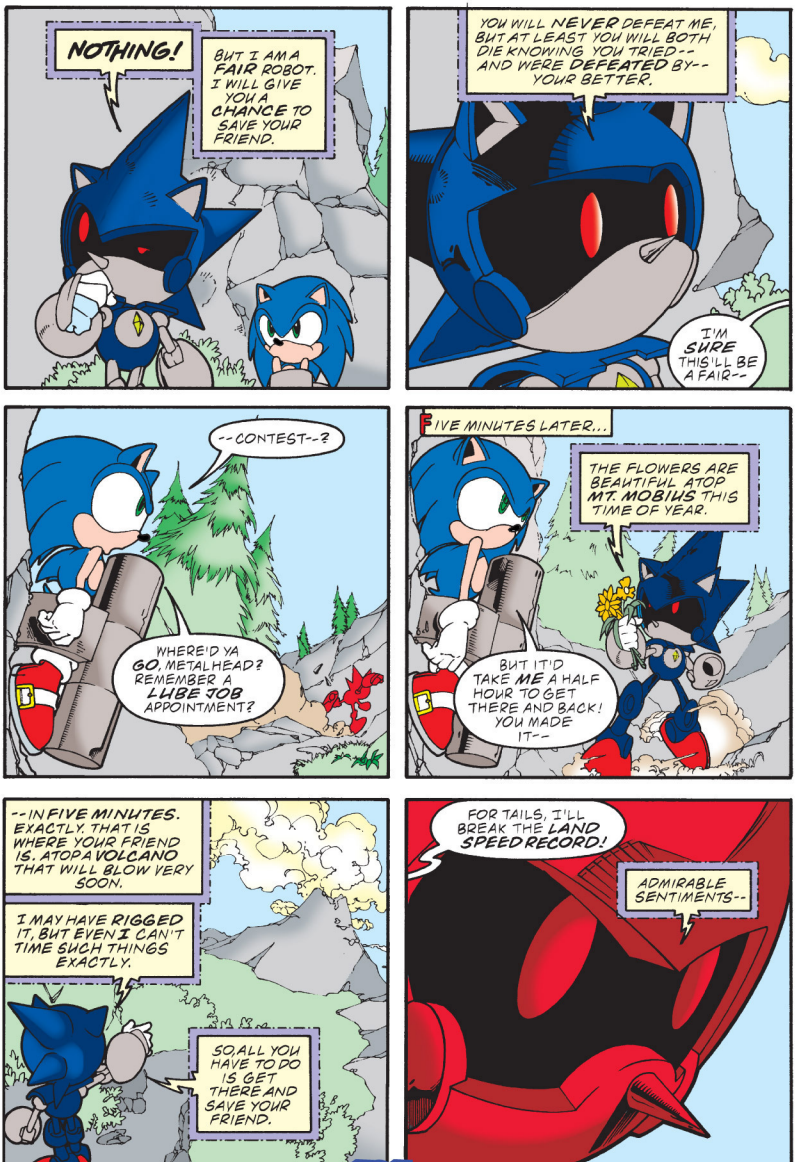

A PLASMA BLAST PERHAPS?
SHWAZAAK
WHUD
-UHNFF-
HOLY FRIJOLES! NOT YOU! NOT--
METAL SONIC!
OH, BUT IT IS ME, MY ORGANIC TEMPLATE.

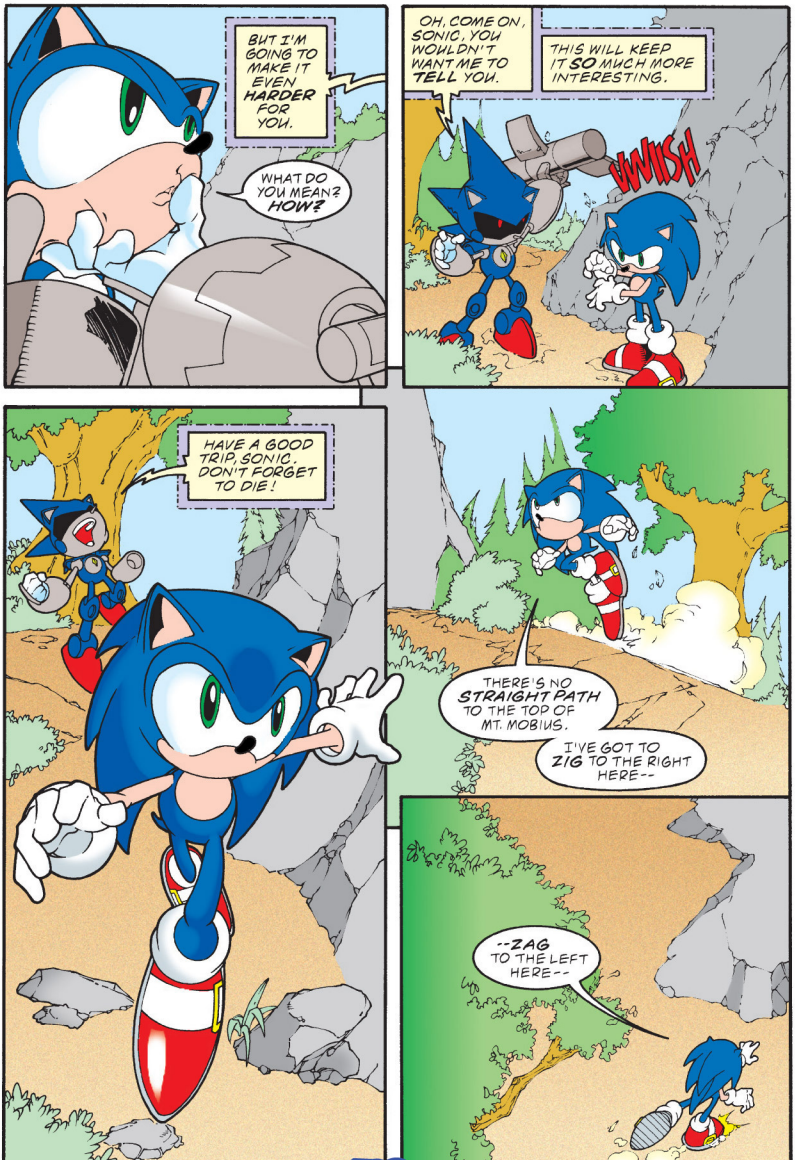

BUT I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD-- OR WHATEVER HAPPENS TO ROBOTS.
I WAS... DEACTIVATED ... AND SMASHED TO BITS...
BUT NOT BEING FLESH-AND-BLOOD LIKE YOURSELF...
...I WAS ABLE TO RECONSTRUCT MYSELF.
NOW CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, BOLTHEAD--
"--BUT WHILE I DID TRASH YOU GOOD AND SOLID LAST TIME WE MET..?
"...WASN'T IT MY FRIEND KNUCKLES WHO MADE A JUNK HEAP OUT OF YOU LAST TIME YOU WERE OUT AND ABOUT?"
KOOM!
"YOU AFTER HIM, TOO?"
HE'LL GET HIS SOON, MY PROGRAMMING DICTATES I DESTROY YOU FIRST.
I BEGAN EARLIER... WITH THE CAPTURE OF YOUR YOUNG FRIEND!
TELL ME WHERE TAILS IS!
TELL ME!

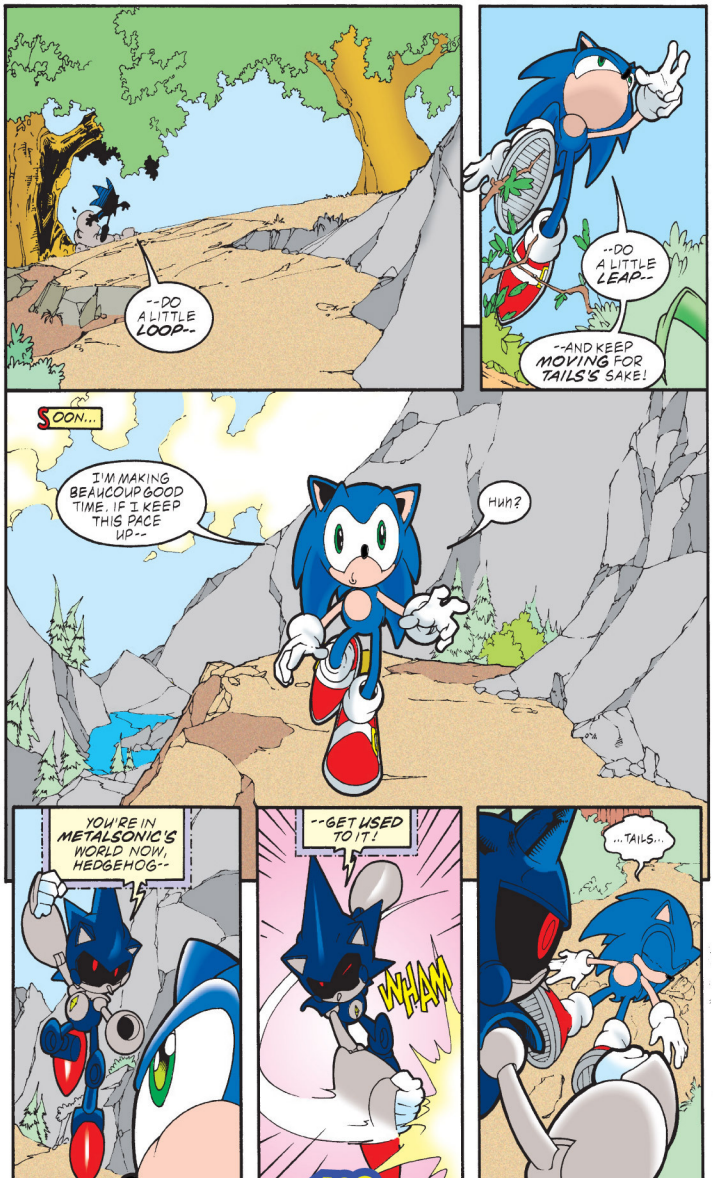
SHUMP
I'M OVER HERE.
HOW DID HE MOVE SO FAST...?
HERE I AM. TAKE ANOTHER SHOT.
MISTER, WHEN YOU WAKE UP YOU'RE GONNA BE PART OF SOMEBODY'S VACUUM CLEANER!
YOU WERE SAYING...?
NO! NO ONE CAN DO THAT!
NO
ONE
EXCEPT
METALSONIC!
STAY STILL, BLAST YOU!

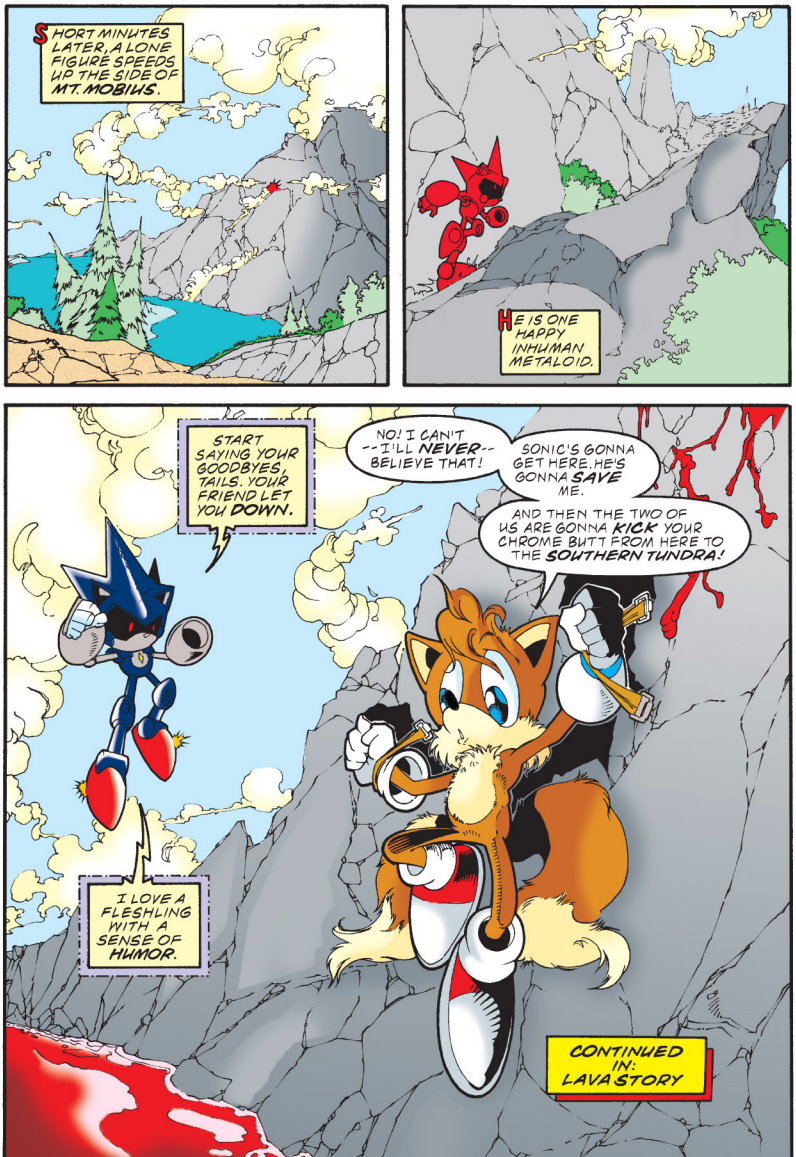

BY THE WAY-- MOVING EXTRA-FAST ISN'T ALL--
SPRING
--I CAN DO THAT YOU CAN'T!
NO!
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
BOING
LOOK OUT! HEDGEHOG ON THE LOOSE!
KABWONG
BRAKAPAM
OWWW!
UP YOU GO LIKE A BIRD--


--OR A SKEET!
WHAMM
-UNGH-
FWISH
BWOMP
NOW, I KNOW HOW YOU FIDGET--
SHOOMK
BWAMP
BWAMP
--SO I'LL MAKE SURE YOU STAY STILL FOR THE REST OF OUR LITTLE CHAT.
HE'S MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER... AND NOW I SEE WHY!
THAT GLOW COMING FROM HIS CHEST. IT CAN ONLY BE FROM THE SAME POWER GEM THAT MADE HIM A GIANT!
IF HE'S GOT ONE...
...WHAT CHANCE DO I HAVE?
YOU ARE NOTHING COMPARED TO ME, SONIC--


NOTHING!
BUT I AM A FAIR ROBOT. I WILL GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO SAVE YOUR FRIEND.
YOU WILL NEVER DEFEAT ME, BUT AT LEAST YOU WILL BOTH DIE KNOWING YOU TRIED-- AND WERE DEFEATED BY-- YOUR BETTER.
I'M SURE THIS'LL BE A FAIR--
--CONTEST--?
WHERE'D YA GO, METALHEAD? REMEMBER A LUBE JOB APPOINTMENT?
FIVE MINUTES LATER...
THE FLOWERS ARE BEAUTIFUL ATOP MT. MOBIUS THIS TIME OF YEAR.
BUT IT'D TAKE ME A HALF HOUR TO GET THERE AND BACK! YOU MADE IT--
--IN FIVE MINUTES. EXACTLY. THAT IS WHERE YOUR FRIEND IS. ATOP A VOLCANO THAT WILL BLOW VERY SOON.
I MAY HAVE RIGGED IT, BUT EVEN I CAN'T TIME SUCH THINGS EXACTLY.
SO ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GET THERE AND SAVE YOUR FRIEND.
FOR TAILS, I'LL BREAK THE LAND SPEED RECORD!
ADMIRABLE SENTIMENTS--


BUT I'M GOING TO MAKE IT EVEN HARDER FOR YOU.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? HOW?
OH, COME ON, SONIC, YOU WOULDN'T WANT ME TO TELL YOU.
THIS WILL KEEP IT SO MUCH MORE INTERESTING.
WHISH
HAVE A GOOD TRIP, SONIC. DON'T FORGET TO DIE!
THERE'S NO STRAIGHT PATH TO THE TOP OF MT. MOBIUS.
I'VE GOT TO ZIG TO THE RIGHT HERE--
--ZAG TO THE LEFT HERE--


--DO A LITTLE LOOP--
--DO A LITTLE LEAP--
--AND KEEP MOVING FOR TAILS'S SAKE!
SOON...
I'M MAKING BEAUCOUP GOOD TIME. IF I KEEP THIS PACE UP--
HUH?
YOU'RE IN METALSONIC'S WORLD NOW, HEDGEHOG--
--GET USED TO IT!
WHAM
...TAILS...


SHORT MINUTES LATER, A LONE FIGURE SPEEDS UP THE SIDE OF MT. MOBIUS.
HE IS ONE HAPPY INHUMAN METALOID.
START SAYING YOUR GOODBYES, TAILS. YOUR FRIEND LET YOU DOWN.
NO! I CAN'T --I'LL NEVER-- BELIEVE THAT!
SONIC'S GONNA GET HERE. HE'S GONNA SAVE ME.
AND THEN THE TWO OF US ARE GONNA KICK YOUR CHROME BUTT FROM HERE TO THE SOUTHERN TUNDRA!
I LOVE A FLESHLING WITH A SENSE OF HUMOR.
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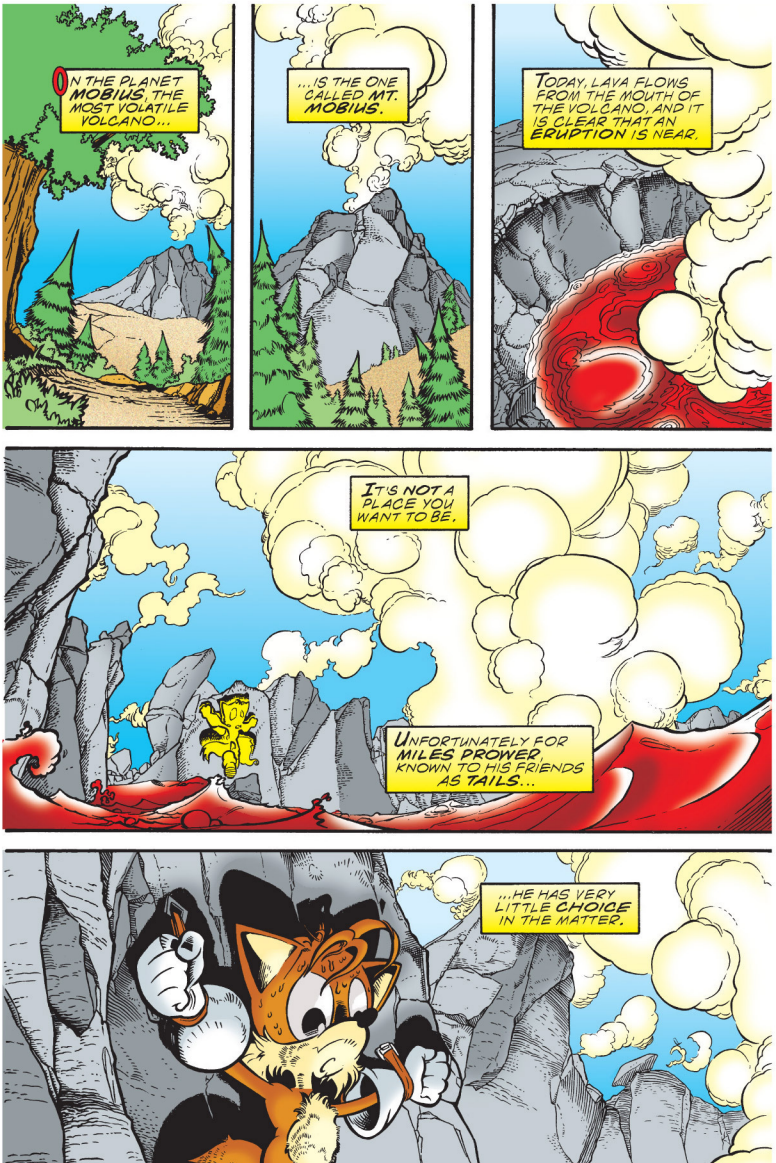
ON THE PLANET MOBIUS, THE MOST VOLATILE VOLCANO...
...IS THE ONE CALLED MT. MOBIUS.
TODAY, LAVA FLOWS FROM THE MOUTH OF THE VOLCANO, AND IT IS CLEAR THAT AN ERUPTION IS NEAR.
IT'S NOT A PLACE YOU WANT TO BE.
UNFORTUNATELY FOR MILES PROWER, KNOWN TO HIS FRIENDS AS TAILS...
...HE HAS VERY LITTLE CHOICE IN THE MATTER.

VERY FAR OFF, TAILS FRIEND AND MENTOR--
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
--PICKS HIMSELF UP FROM HIS LATEST SETBACK IN HIS ATTEMPT TO SAVE HIS YOUNG ALLY.
MAN, METAL SONIC CLOCKED ME WITH THE WORLD'S SNEAKIEST SUCKER PUNCH.
AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'LL BE LURKING AROUND NEXT.
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER THAT HE'S POWERED BY A POWER GEM, OR THAT IT FINALLY GAVE HIM A PERSONALITY.
I'M GONNA SAVE TAILS--AND THAT'S ALL SHE WROTE!
After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his polluted factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive! ARCHIE COMICS AND SEGA PRESENT... SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!
HEART OF THE HEDGEHOG
part 2
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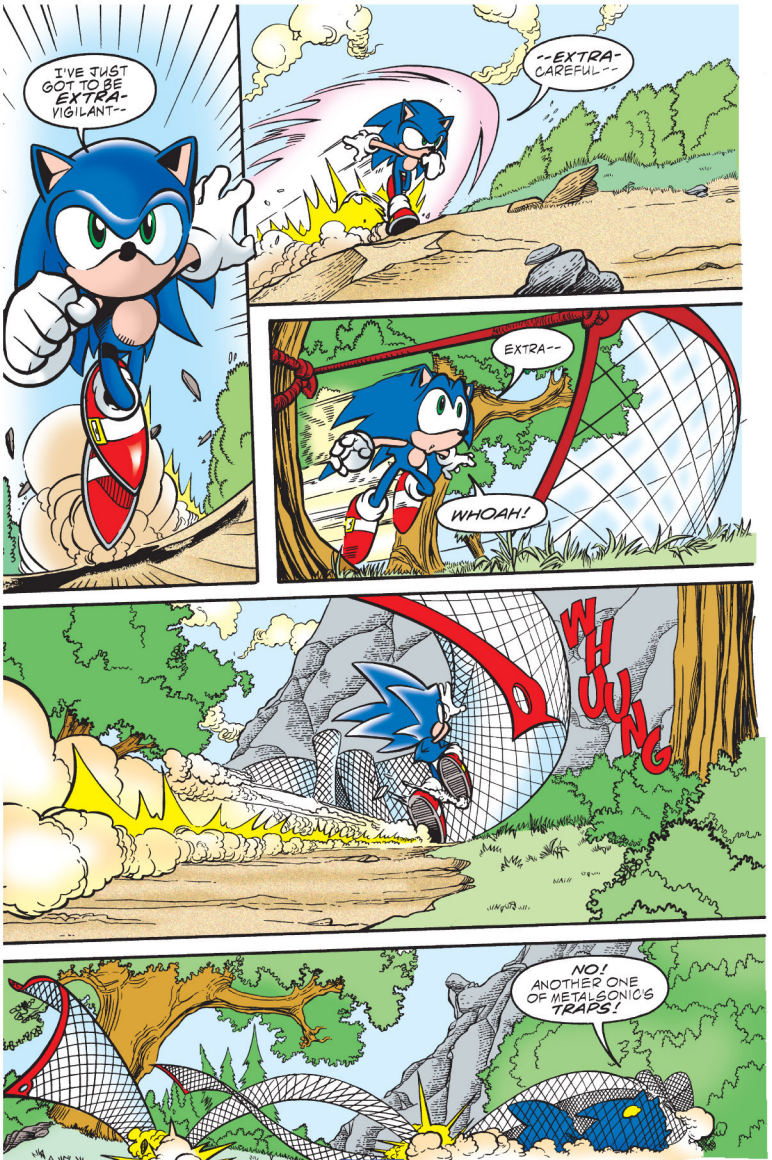
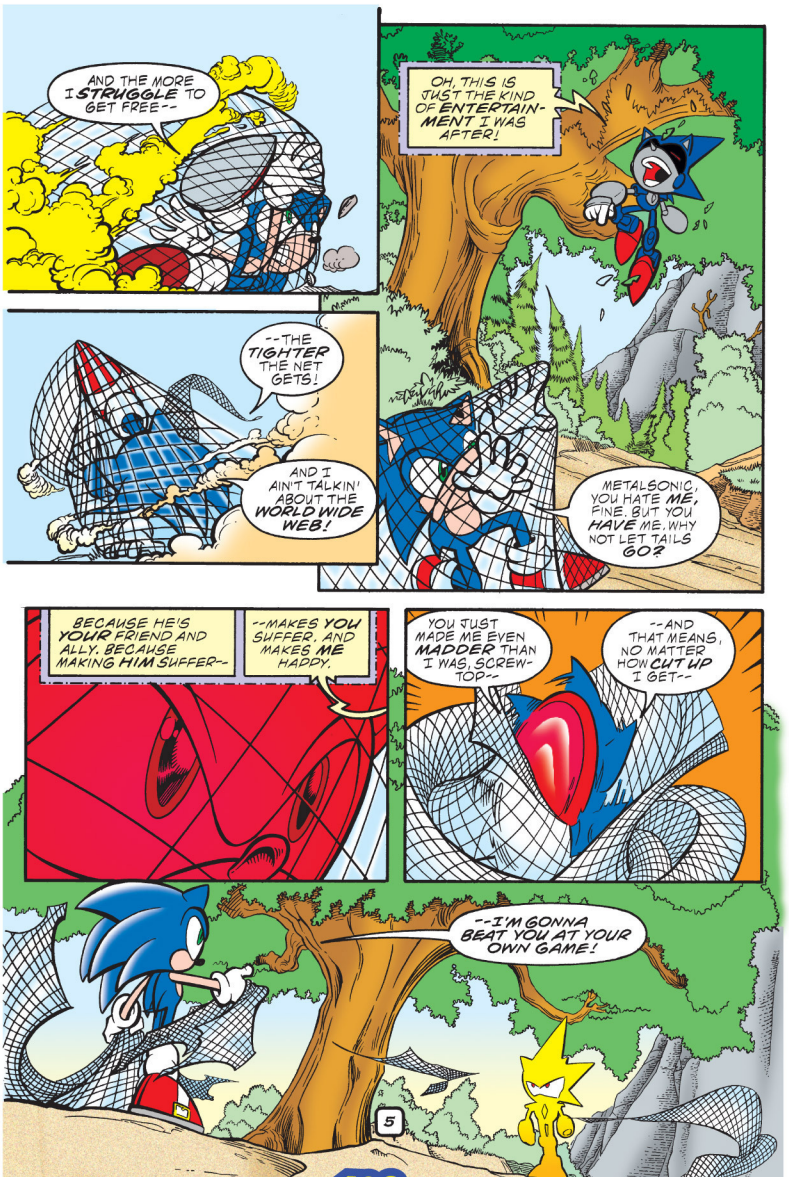

I'VE JUST GOT TO BE EXTRA-VIGILANT--
--EXTRA-CAREFUL--
EXTRA--
WHOAH!
WHUNG
NO! ANOTHER ONE OF METAL SONIC'S TRAPS!


AND THE MORE I STRUGGLE TO GET FREE--
OH, THIS IS JUST THE KIND OF ENTERTAIN-MENT I WAS AFTER!
--THE TIGHTER THE NET GETS!
AND I AIN'T TALKIN' ABOUT THE WORLD WIDE WEB!
METALSONIC, YOU HATE ME, FINE. BUT YOU HAVE ME. WHY NOT LET TAILS GO?
BECAUSE HE'S YOUR FRIEND AND ALLY. BECAUSE MAKING HIM SUFFER--
--MAKES YOU SUFFER, AND MAKES ME HAPPY.
YOU JUST MADE ME EVEN MADDER THAN I WAS, SCREW-TOP--
--AND THAT MEANS, NO MATTER HOW CUT UP I GET--
--I'M GONNA BEAT YOU AT YOUR OWN GAME!
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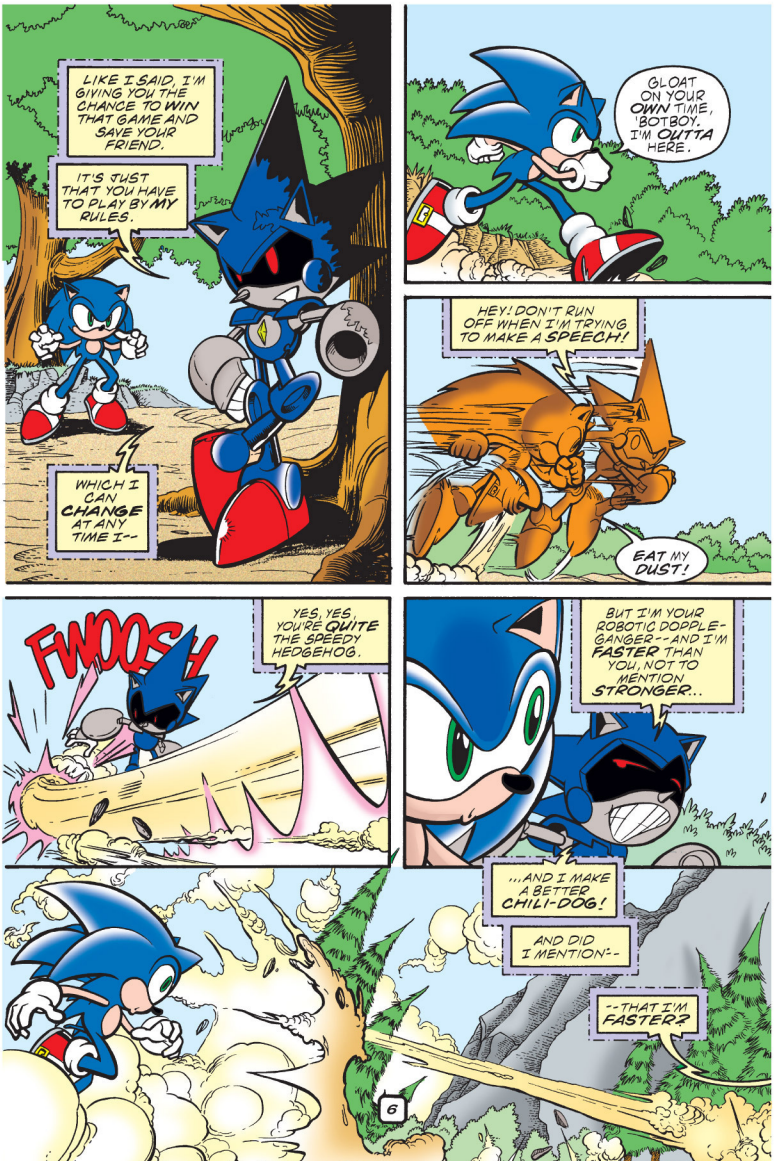
LIKE I SAID, I'M GIVING YOU THE CHANCE TO WIN THAT GAME AND SAVE YOUR FRIEND.
IT'S JUST THAT YOU HAVE TO PLAY BY MY RULES.
WHICH I CAN CHANGE AT ANY TIME I--
GLOAT ON YOUR OWN TIME, 'BOTBOY. I'M OUTTA HERE.
HEY! DON'T RUN OFF WHEN I'M TRYING TO MAKE A SPEECH!
EAT MY DUST!
FWOOSH
YES, YES, YOU'RE QUITE THE SPEEDY HEDGEHOG.
BUT I'M YOUR ROBOTIC DOPPLE-GANGER--AND I'M FASTER THAN YOU, NOT TO MENTION STRONGER..
...AND I MAKE A BETTER CHILI-DOG!
AND DID I MENTION--
--THAT I'M FASTER?
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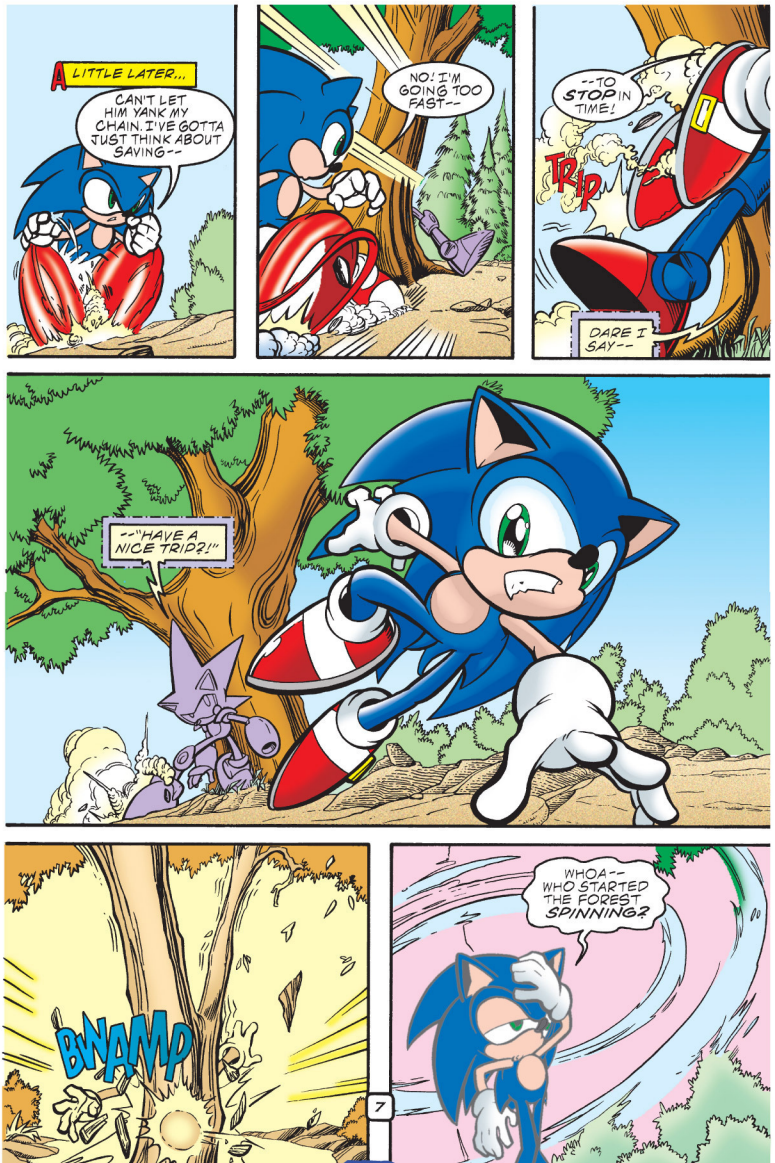
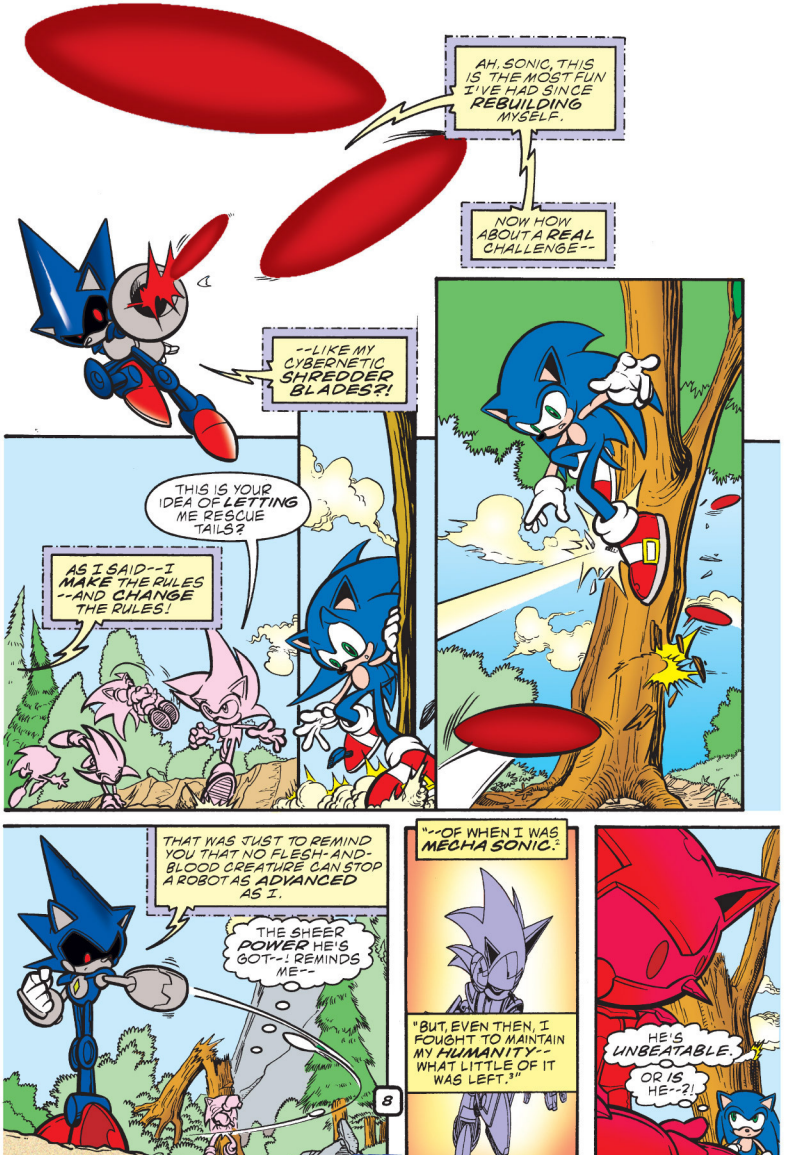

A LITTLE LATER...
CAN'T LET HIM YANK MY CHAIN. I'VE GOTTA JUST THINK ABOUT SAVING--
NO! I'M GOING TOO FAST--
--TO STOP IN TIME!
TRIP
DARE I SAY--
--"HAVE A NICE TRIP?!"
BWAMP
WHOA-- WHO STARTED THE FOREST SPINNING?


AH, SONIC, THIS IS THE MOST FUN I'VE HAD SINCE REBUILDING MYSELF.
NOW HOW ABOUT A REAL CHALLENGE--
--LIKE MY CYBERNETIC SHREDDER BLADES?!
THIS IS YOUR IDEA OF LETTING ME RESCUE TAILS?
AS I SAID--I MAKE THE RULES --AND CHANGE THE RULES!
THAT WAS JUST TO REMIND YOU THAT NO FLESH-AND-BLOOD CREATURE CAN STOP A ROBOT AS ADVANCED AS I.
THE SHEER POWER HE'S GOT--! REMINDS ME--
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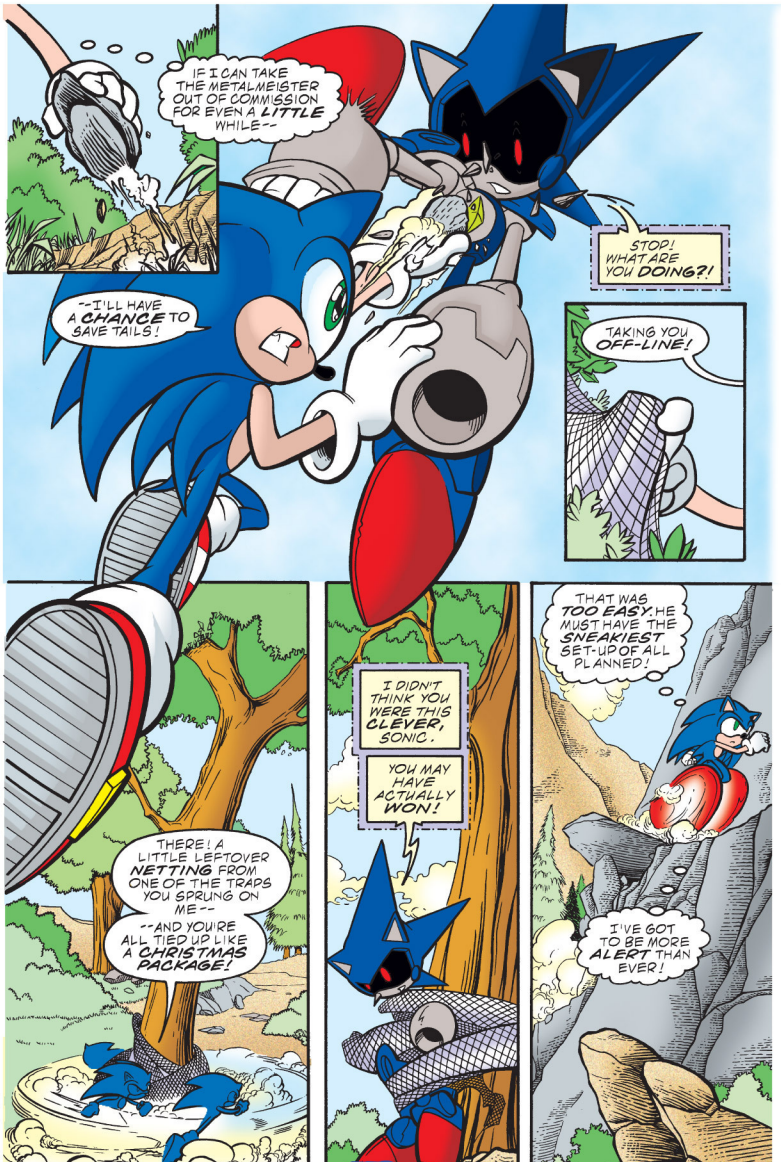
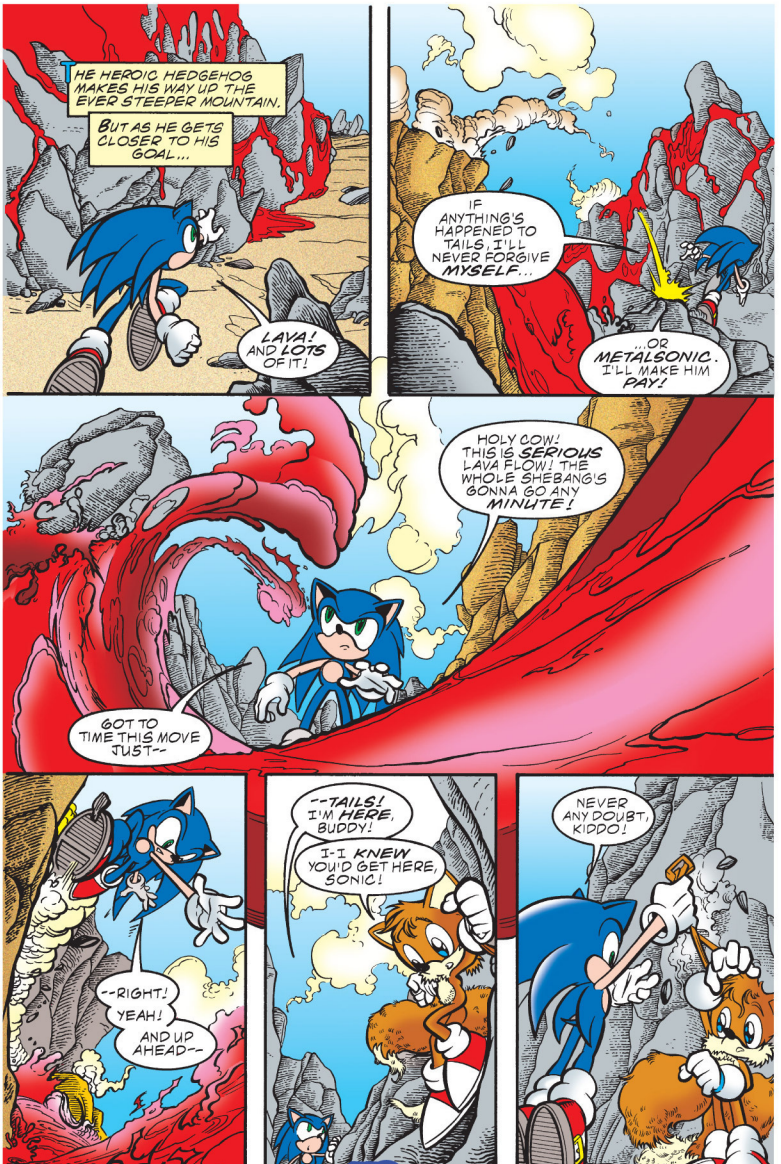
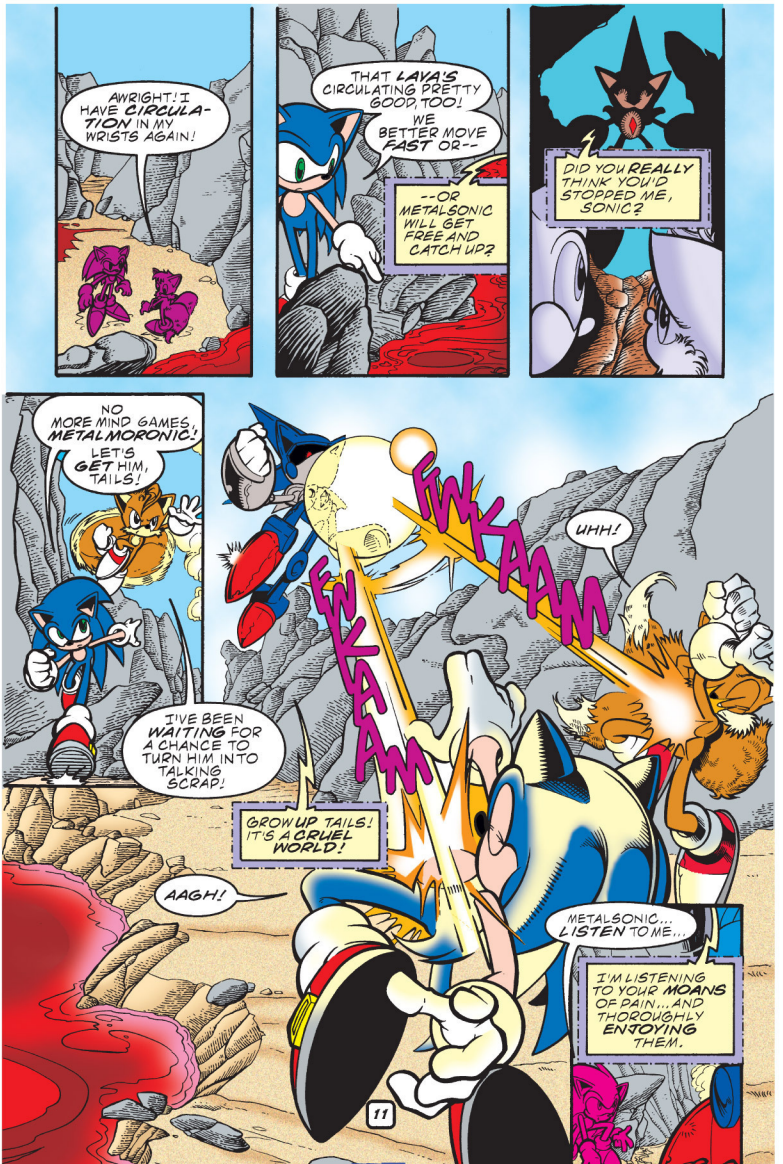
"--OF WHEN I WAS MECHA SONIC."
"BUT, EVEN THEN, I FOUGHT TO MAINTAIN MY HUMANITY-- WHAT LITTLE OF IT WAS LEFT."
HE'S UNBEATABLE.
OR IS HE--?!


IF I CAN TAKE THE METALMEISTER OUT OF COMMISSION FOR EVEN A LITTLE WHILE--
--I'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO SAVE TAILS!
STOP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
TAKING YOU OFF-LINE!
THERE! A LITTLE LEFTOVER NETTING FROM ONE OF THE TRAPS YOU SPRUNG ON ME--
--AND YOU'RE ALL TIED UP LIKE A CHRISTMAS PACKAGE!
I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE THIS CLEVER, SONIC.
YOU MAY HAVE ACTUALLY WON!
THAT WAS TOO EASY. HE MUST HAVE THE SNEAKIEST SET-UP OF ALL PLANNED!
I'VE GOT TO BE MORE ALERT THAN EVER!


THE HEROIC HEDGEHOG MAKES HIS WAY UP THE EVER STEEPER MOUNTAIN.
BUT AS HE GETS CLOSER TO HIS GOAL...
LAVA! AND LOTS OF IT!
IF ANYTHING'S HAPPENED TO TAILS, I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF...
...OR METALSONIC. I'LL MAKE HIM PAY!
HOLY COW! THIS IS SERIOUS LAVA FLOW! THE WHOLE SHEBANG'S GONNA GO ANY MINUTE!
GOT TO TIME THIS MOVE JUST--
--RIGHT! YEAH! AND UP AHEAD--
--TAILS! I'M HERE, BUDDY!
I-I KNEW YOU'D GET HERE, SONIC!
NEVER ANY DOUBT, KIDDO!


AWRIGHT! I HAVE CIRCULATION IN MY WRISTS AGAIN!
THAT LAVA'S CIRCULATING PRETTY GOOD, TOO!
WE BETTER MOVE FAST OR--
--OR METALSONIC WILL GET FREE AND CATCH UP!
DID YOU REALLY THINK YOU'D STOPPED ME, SONIC?
NO MORE MIND GAMES, METALMORONIC!
LET'S GET HIM, TAILS!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO TURN HIM INTO TALKING SCRAP!
FWKAAM
FWKAAM
UHH!
GROW UP TAILS! IT'S A CRUEL WORLD!
AAGH!
METALSONIC... LISTEN TO ME...
I'M LISTENING TO YOUR MOANS OF PAIN... AND THOROUGHLY ENJOYING THEM.
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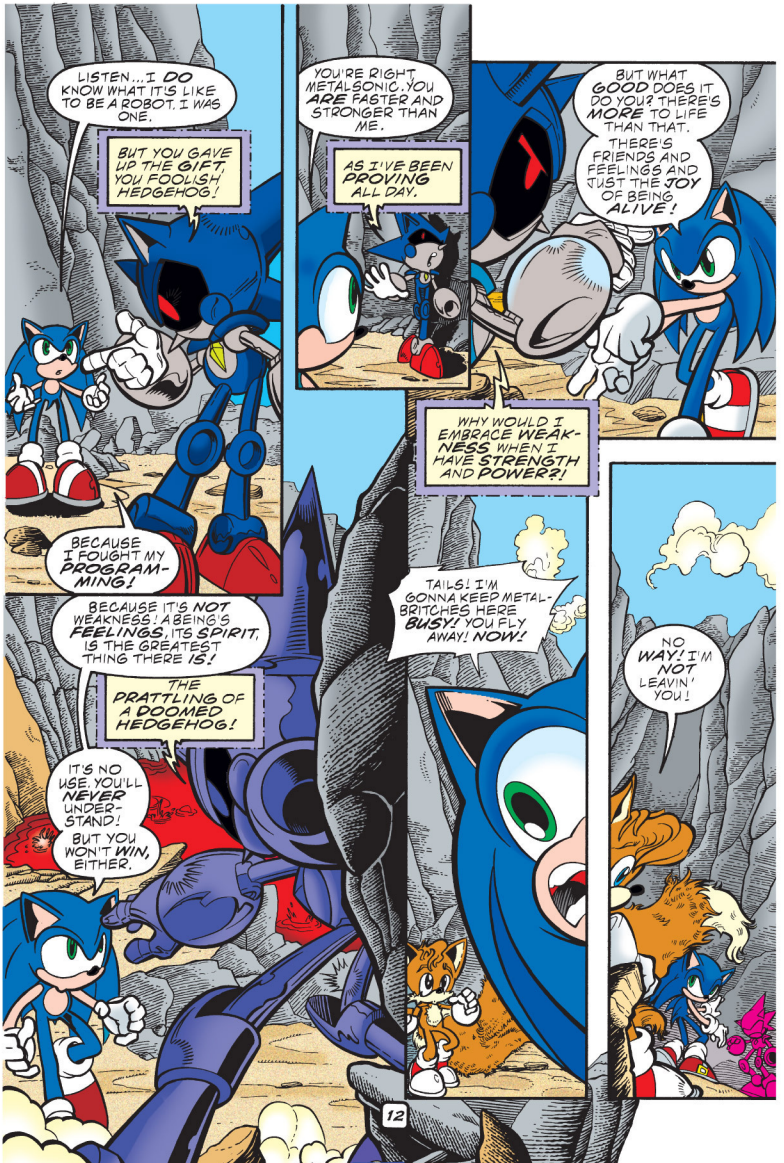
LISTEN... I DO KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A ROBOT. I WAS ONE.
BUT YOU GAVE UP THE GIFT, YOU FOOLISH HEDGEHOG!
BECAUSE I FOUGHT MY PROGRAMMING!
BECAUSE IT'S NOT WEAKNESS! A BEING'S FEELINGS, ITS SPIRIT, IS THE GREATEST THING THERE IS!
THE PRATTLING OF A DOOMED HEDGEHOG!
IT'S NO USE. YOU'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND!
BUT YOU WON'T WIN, EITHER.
YOU'RE RIGHT, METAL SONIC. YOU ARE FASTER AND STRONGER THAN ME.
AS I'VE BEEN PROVING ALL DAY.
BUT WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO YOU? THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN THAT.
THERE'S FRIENDS AND FEELINGS AND JUST THE JOY OF BEING ALIVE!
WHY WOULD I EMBRACE WEAKNESS WHEN I HAVE STRENGTH AND POWER?!
TAILS! I'M GONNA KEEP METAL-BRITCHES HERE BUSY! YOU FLY AWAY! NOW!
NO WAY! I'M NOT LEAVIN' YOU!
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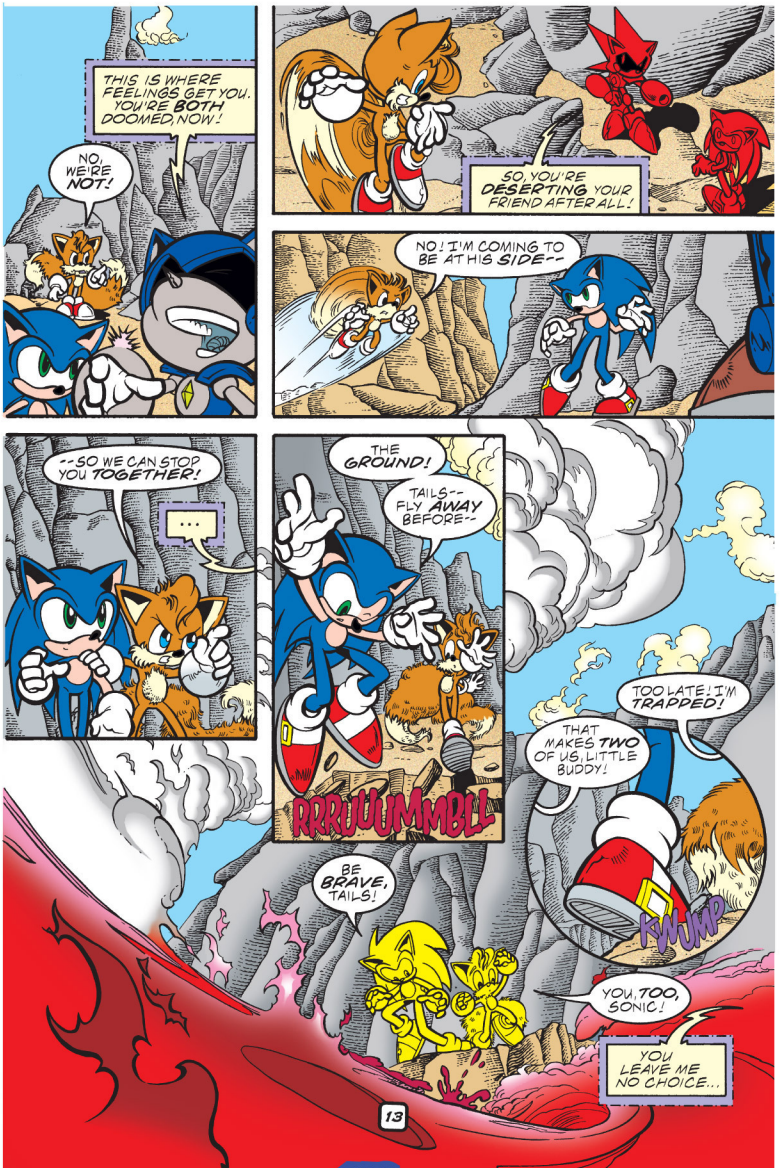
THIS IS WHERE FEELINGS GET YOU. YOU'RE BOTH DOOMED, NOW!
NO, WE'RE NOT!
SO, YOU'RE DESERTING YOUR FRIEND AFTER ALL!
NO! I'M COMING TO BE AT HIS SIDE--
--SO WE CAN STOP YOU TOGETHER!
...
THE GROUND!
TAILS-- FLY AWAY BEFORE--
RRRUUUMMBLL
TOO LATE! I'M TRAPPED!
THAT MAKES TWO OF US, LITTLE BUDDY!
KWUMP
BE BRAVE, TAILS!
YOU, TOO, SONIC!
YOU LEAVE ME NO CHOICE...
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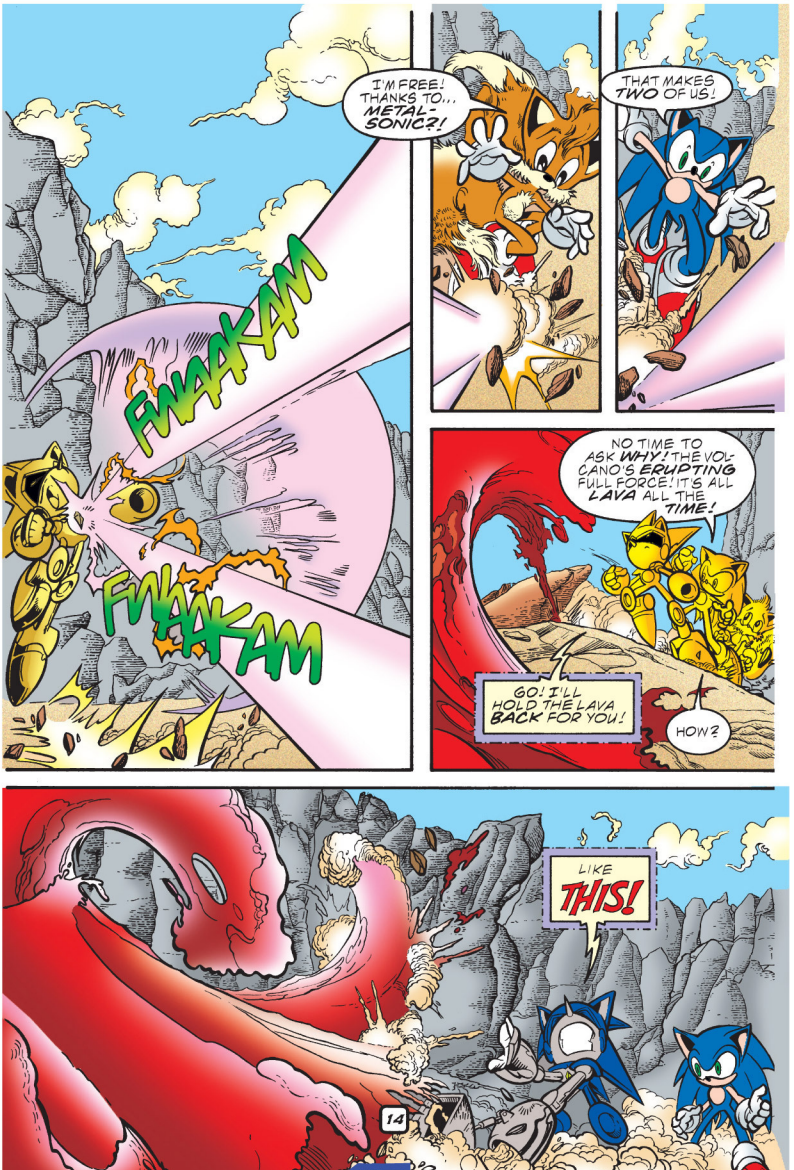
I'M FREE! THANKS TO... METAL-SONIC?!
THAT MAKES TWO OF US!
FWAAKAM
FWAAKAM
NO TIME TO ASK WHY! THE VOLCANO'S ERUPTING FULL FORCE! IT'S ALL LAVA ALL THE TIME!
GO! I'LL HOLD THE LAVA BACK FOR YOU!
HOW?
LIKE THIS!
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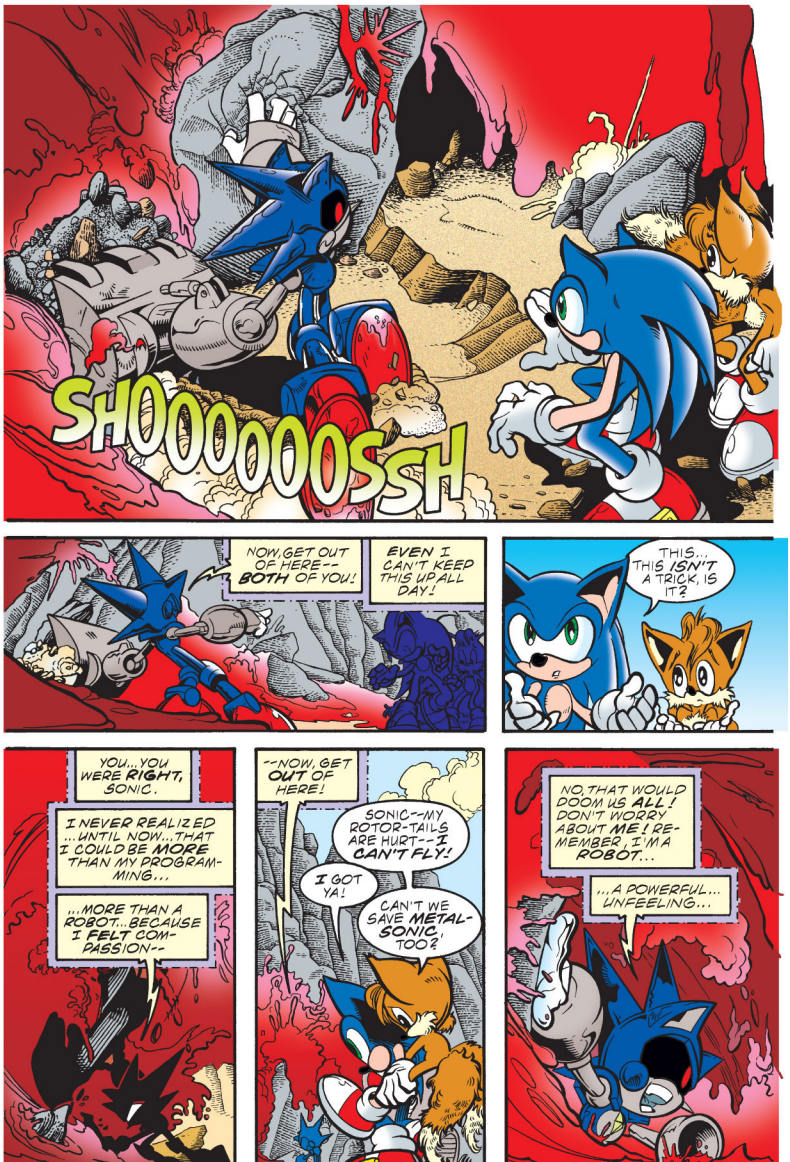
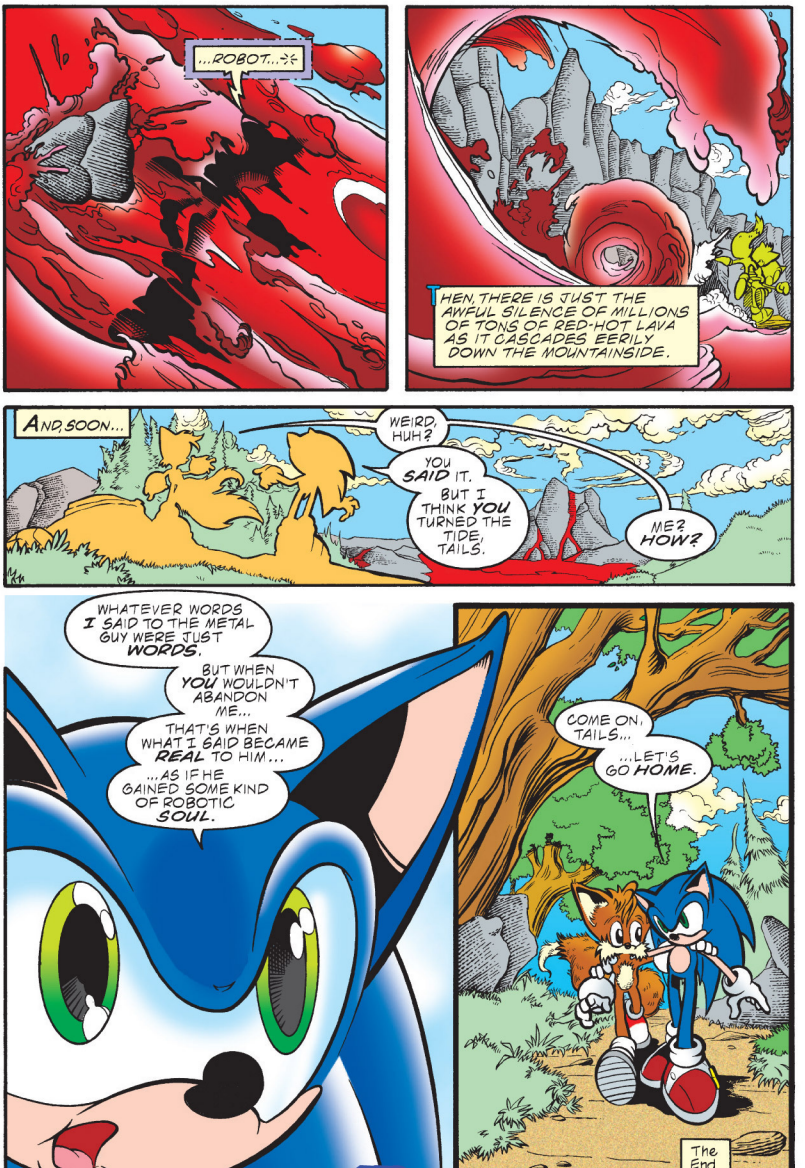

SHOOOOOOSSH
NOW, GET OUT OF HERE--BOTH OF YOU!
EVEN I CAN'T KEEP THIS UP ALL DAY!
THIS... THIS ISN'T A TRICK, IS IT?
YOU...YOU WERE RIGHT, SONIC.
I NEVER REALIZED ...UNTIL NOW...THAT I COULD BE MORE THAN MY PROGRAMMING...
...MORE THAN A ROBOT...BECAUSE I FELT COMPASSION--
--NOW, GET OUT OF HERE!
SONIC--MY ROTOR-TAILS ARE HURT--I CAN'T FLY!
I GOT YA!
CAN'T WE SAVE METAL SONIC, TOO?
NO, THAT WOULD DOOM US ALL! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! REMEMBER, I'M A ROBOT...
...A POWERFUL... UNFEELING...


...ROBOT...
THEN, THERE IS JUST THE AWFUL SILENCE OF MILLIONS OF TONS OF RED-HOT LAVA AS IT CASCADES EERILY DOWN THE MOUNTAINSIDE.
AND, SOON...
WEIRD, HUH?
YOU SAID IT. BUT I THINK YOU TURNED THE TIDE, TAILS.
ME? HOW?
WHATEVER WORDS I SAID TO THE METAL GUY WERE JUST WORDS.
BUT WHEN YOU WOULDN'T ABANDON ME...
THAT'S WHEN WHAT I SAID BECAME REAL TO HIM...
...AS IF HE GAINED SOME KIND OF ROBOTIC SOUL.
COME ON, TAILS...
...LET'S GO HOME.
The End

MEET SHARD THE METAL SONIC

Often Imitated, Never Duplicated!

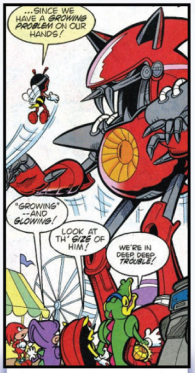
Created by **Doctor Robotnik**, Shard began his life as the original **Metal Sonic**. He raced **Sonic** in the **Collision Chaos Zone** for the safety of **Tails** and **Amy Rose**. Unfortunately, he also wound up melting himself with the heat of his own engine trying to keep up with Sonic.

Salvaged and upgraded, **Metal Sonic 2.0** was pitted against **Knuckles** and the **Chaotix** during their first mission together. With a **power gem** embedded in his core, he transformed into a two-story tall monster to become the first **Titan Metal Sonic** before being destroyed by Knuckles the Echidna.

Metal Sonic survived its battle on **Angel Island** and underwent a heavy series of self-repair, its artificial intelligence advancing greatly in the process. Naming himself **Metal Sonic 2.5**, he was faster than Sonic and possessed metamorphic abilities. Ultimately, he learned the value of life and sacrificed himself to save Sonic and Tails, but the power gem core that housed its personality survived.

Metal Sonic spent a long time trapped in hardened lava until the **Royal Secret Service** retrieved him in an attempt to build a series of **Metal Sonic Troopers** based on its core data. The troopers proved themselves flawed, but the experiment lent itself to the recreation of Metal Sonic 2.5 as "**Shard the Metal**."

Rebuilt by Sonic's **Uncle Chuck** from the remains of the Troopers and Eggman's failed attempt at a **Metal Scourge**, Shard found found greater meaning to his life and applied it to helping others. He currently serves as one of **Secret Freedom Fighters** of **New Mobotropolis**.



SHARD AS THE FIRST TITAN METAL SONIC VERSUS THE CHAOTIX

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance: Sonic Universe #41

Abilities:

Metamorphic Metal – Can transform his body into various weaponry or appendages such as arm cannons or infrared visors.

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Dear SONIC SUPER DELIVERY:
I've got issues 2 & 3 of SONIC SUPER SPECIAL and I have a pressing question for you: Does being both roboticized and weaponized mean Sally can never return to her original form?

Stephan G.
Kelmscott, Washington

Unfortunately, yes. Under the old rules of roboticization, you could only be deroboticized via the unit you were originally converted under. If any modifications were made to you

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or to that unit, you could never be deroboticized again (excluding the Bem's planetary interference that changed *almost* everybody back...)

Dear SONIC SUPER DELIVERY:
Will Khan and Sally get back together? I'm a SonSal fan but I like Sonic/Blaze too! Why did you put Mina and Tails together in the future? Mina and Ash make more sense! And what about Tails and Cream?

Love, your Silver fangirl forever and ever,
Courtney E.
Toledo, Ohio

So many pairings, Courtney! My head is spinning! @__@ Don't worry, everyone has their favorite couple and our characters have so many irons in the fire, you never know who may like who next... though we haven't *quite* grasped that Mina/Tails thing either. *That came outta nowhere!* You'll just have to see how it all works out!

Dear SONIC SUPER DELIVERY:
When will we see Knuckles and the Chaotix again? It's been way too long since they had any proper adventures with Sonic!

Tim S.
Schuykill, Pennsylvania

Knuckles the Echidna and the Chaotix Crew, you say? Well, you might want to check our next issue blurb on the next page for some amazing news... ;) Until then, see y'all next time and enjoy our savory digest-y goodness! Take care!

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